

# The Battle of Gettysburg

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The Battle of Gettysburg was a major battle that took place during the American Civil War in 1863. The Civil War was a conflict between the northern states, known as the Union, and the southern states, known as the Confederacy.

The battle began on July 1, 1863, when Confederate soldiers under the command of General Robert E. Lee entered the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Union soldiers, under the command of General George Meade, were already stationed there. A fierce battle ensued.

Over the course of three days, thousands of soldiers from both sides fought in and around the town of Gettysburg. The battle was particularly brutal and both sides suffered heavy casualties.

On July 3, 1863, the Confederates launched a massive assault on the center of the Union line. This assault was known as Pickett's Charge. The assault was repelled by Union soldiers and marked the turning point of the battle. After three days of fighting, the Confederate army was forced to retreat.

The Battle of Gettysburg was a significant turning point in the Civil War. The Union victory marked the beginning of the end of the Confederate army's push into Union territory. The battle is also remembered for the bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought there.

Today, the Battle of Gettysburg is an important moment in American history. It is a reminder of the cost of war and the importance of preserving the Union. It also serves as a tribute to the soldiers who fought and died in the battle.

1. What was the Battle of Gettysburg?
2. When did the battle take place?
3. Who were the two sides fighting in the Civil War?
4. What happened on July 1, 1863?
5. How long did the Battle of Gettysburg last?
6. What was Pickett's Charge and what happened when the Confederates attempted it?
7. Why is the Battle of Gettysburg considered a significant turning point in the Civil War?
8. What is the significance of the Battle of Gettysburg in American history?

## **Answer Key**

### **1. What was the Battle of Gettysburg?**

The Battle of Gettysburg was a major battle fought during the American Civil War.

### **2. When did the battle take place?**

The battle took place from July 1 to July 3, 1863.

### **3. Who were the two sides fighting in the Civil War?**

The two sides fighting in the Civil War were the Union Army (also known as the Northern Army) and the Confederate Army (also known as the Southern Army).

### **4. What happened on July 1, 1863?**

On July 1, 1863, the Confederates attacked the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the Union Army was forced to defend itself.

### **5. How long did the Battle of Gettysburg last?**

The Battle of Gettysburg lasted for three days, from July 1 to July 3, 1863.

### **6. What was Pickett's Charge and what happened when the Confederates attempted it?**

Pickett's Charge was a famous attack made by the Confederates on the final day of the battle. The Confederates attempted to charge across an open field towards the Union lines, but they were met with heavy gunfire and suffered heavy losses.

### **7. Why is the Battle of Gettysburg considered a significant turning point in the Civil War?**

The Battle of Gettysburg is considered a significant turning point in the Civil War because it marked the beginning of the end for the Confederate Army. The Union Army's victory at Gettysburg helped to boost morale and confidence among Union troops, while also damaging the Confederate Army's morale and weakening their military power.

### **8. What is the significance of the Battle of Gettysburg in American history?**

The Battle of Gettysburg is significant in American history because it was one of the bloodiest battles fought on American soil, with an estimated 50,000 casualties. It also marked a turning point in the Civil War, leading to the eventual defeat of the Confederate Army and the end of the Civil War. The battle is remembered as a symbol of the bravery and sacrifice of American soldiers, and it is commemorated every year with events and memorials at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

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