

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> Who was the president of the United States during the American civil war?

- a. Andrew Johnson
- b. James Buchanan
- c. Hannibal Hamlin
- d. Abraham Lincoln

2> At the beginning of the Civil War, what was the approximate population of the United States?

- a. 34.4 million
- b. 40.2 million
- c. 50.5 million
- d. 15.3 million

3> Before the Civil War, the "Federal Army" consisted of how many troops?

- a. Approx. 30,000
- b. Approx. 16,000
- c. Approx. 50,000
- d. Approx. 22,000

4> The war began on April 12, 1861, when Confederate forces fired upon what fort that was held by Union troops in South Carolina?

- a. Fort Mohave
- b. Fort Sumter
- c. Fort Bunker Hill
- d. Fort Adams

5> What battle during the civil war had the largest number of casualties?

- a. Battle of Antietam
- b. Battle of Williamsburg
- c. Battle of Bull Run
- d. Battle of Gettysburg

6> The battle of Gettysburg occurred in which year?

- a. July 1-3, 1861
- b. July 1-3, 1863
- c. July 1-3, 1864
- d. July 1-3, 1862

7> Who commanded the Confederate Army in Virginia immediately before Robert E. Lee?

- a. Joseph E. Johnston
- b. James Goff
- c. Stonewall Jackson
- d. Braxton Bragg

8> What was the name given to the rations eaten by U.S. troops during the Civil War?

- a. Sweet Bread
- b. MRE
- c. Union Treat
- d. Hardtack

9> Where did the last engagement between Gen. Joseph Johnston's Army and Gen. William T. Sherman's Army take place?

- a. Bentonville, North Carolina
- b. Raleigh, North Carolina
- c. Columbia, South Carolina
- d. Charleston, South Carolina

10> Which states' men were dubbed "Tar Heels" during the Civil War?

- a. North Carolina
- b. Florida

- c. Mississippi
- d. South Carolina

11> Who commanded the Union Sixth Corps after John Sedgwick was mortally wounded?

- a. Ulysses S. Grant
- b. Ambrose Burnside
- c. Stonewall Jackson
- d. Horatio Wright

12> When was General George B. McClellan made General-in-Chief of the Union armies?

- a. November 1, 1863
- b. November 1, 1860
- c. November 1, 1862
- d. November 1, 1861

13> In what state did the "Battle of Pea Ridge" take place?

- a. Tennessee
- b. Georgia
- c. Virginia
- d. Arkansas

14> Which state capital was the last that William T. Sherman took over?

- a. Atlanta, Georgia
- b. Columbia, South Carolina
- c. Nashville, Tennessee
- d. Raleigh, North Carolina

15> Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Battle of Antietam. When did it happen?

- a. September 17, 1862
- b. September 17, 1860
- c. September 17, 1863
- d. September 17, 1861

16> How did most of the Union soldiers die during the civil war?

- a. In battle
- b. Of wounds, in hospitals
- c. Of starvation
- d. Of infectious diseases

17> At what battle was General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson mortally wounded?

- a. Little Bighorn
- b. Chancellorsville
- c. Stones River
- d. Gettysburg

18> What color were the neckerchiefs worn by the Michigan forces commanded by George Custer during the civil war?

- a. Red
- b. Green
- c. Blue
- d. White

19> What was Robert E. Lee's nickname?

- a. Marse Robert
- b. King of Spades
- c. Marble Man
- d. Air Lee

20> When was Union General George B. McClellan put in command of the Army of the Potomac?

- a. July 1862
- b. July 1860
- c. July 1859
- d. July 1861

21> Which Confederate general directly opposed Joshua Chamberlain in the fight for Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg?

- a. John Bell Hood
- b. A.P. Hill
- c. D.H. Hill
- d. Richard Ewell

22> On what date did General Lee surrender his forces to the Union?

- a. April 9, 1865
- b. May 1, 1865
- c. February 9, 1865
- d. March 29, 1865

Answers:

1> Abraham Lincoln - Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States.

2> 34.4 million - The civil war was the deadliest war in American history.

3> Approx. 16,000 - When the war began, many Southern officers resigned and joined the Confederate States Army.

4> Fort Sumter - Fort Sumter was named after General Thomas Sumter, a Revolutionary War hero.

5> Battle of Gettysburg - Casualties in the three-day battle were approximately 50,000.

6> July 1-3, 1863 - Most historians agree that the battle was the war's turning point.

7> Joseph E. Johnston - Joseph was the senior Confederate commander at the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861.

8> Hardtack - Hardtack was made from flour and water, and sometimes contained a little salt.

9> Bentonville, North Carolina - Considered one of best-known first-hand accounts of the Civil War, Sherman published his Memoirs in 1875.

10> North Carolina - The exact history of the term is unknown.

11> Horatio Wright - Just seconds after exclaiming 'They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance', Sedgwick was shot dead by a Confederate sharpshooter.

12> November 1, 1861 - Most historians consider McClellan a poor battlefield general.

13> Arkansas - Battle of Pea Ridge was a land battle fought on March 6-8.

14> Raleigh, North Carolina - Sherman accepted the surrender of all Confederate armies located in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida in April of 1865.

15> September 17, 1862 - Over 23,000 were killed, wounded or captured.

16> Of infectious diseases - Of the estimated 260,000 total dead, 72,524 were killed in battle.

17> Chancellorsville - Shot accidentally by his own men, Jackson died of complications from pneumonia eight days after the battle on May 10, 1863.

18> Red - Custer was present at General Robert E. Lee's surrender.

19> Marble Man - A large number of statues were built in his honor across the south after the Civil War.

20> July 1861 - McClellan was the Governor of New Jersey from January 15, 1878 - January 18, 1881.

21> John Bell Hood - After the war, Hood moved to Louisiana and became a cotton broker.

22> April 9, 1865 - President Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth five days later.