

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

The Battle of Gettysburg, July 1–3, 1863, involving more than 160,000 troops, was a major turning point in the Civil War. What do you know about the battle and the Pennsylvania town where it was fought? On the sesquicentennial of the historic conflict, we test your knowledge.

1. The battle resulted in staggering losses for both the Union and Confederacy. How many total casualties (soldiers killed, wounded, captured or missing) resulted from the battle?

- a. 51,112 b. 25,263 c. 10,081

2. A professor of religion and modern languages at Bowdoin College before the war, this colonel was one of the Union's most celebrated officers, leading the Twentieth Maine in the defense of Little Round Top.

- a. A. P. Hill b. Joshua L. Chamberlain c. Winfield Scott Hancock

3. The geology of the Gettysburg area was a major factor in the battle and its outcome, with boulders and rocks, such as those that formed Devil's Den, scattered across the landscape. What kind of rock is it?

- a. granite b. coal c. jasper

4. When were the last soldier's remains found on the battlefield?

- a. July 4, 1898 b. March 19, 1996 c. January 1, 2013

5. This horse was Confederate General Robert E. Lee's favorite. A gray gelding with a black mane and tail, he survived Gettysburg and many other battles and went with Lee when he became president of Washington College (later renamed Washington and Lee University) in Virginia after the war. In 1871, not long after Lee's death, the horse contracted tetanus after stepping on a nail and was buried on the campus.

- a. Old Baldy b. Traveller c. Virginia

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▲ This photograph shows **Abraham Lincoln** (within brackets) just after he arrived at Gettysburg on Nov. 19, 1863. A few hours later, he would deliver the Gettysburg Address.

6. The Union prisoners of war captured during the battle would be sent to Richmond, Va., where officers initially went to Libby Prison and the enlisted men to Belle Isle. Many were transferred to other prisons later, including Andersonville. Where were many of the captured Confederates imprisoned?

- a. Fort McHenry b. Elmira Prison c. Fort Delaware

7. This statesman delivered a two-hour oration prior to Abraham Lincoln's famous address at the dedication of a new national cemetery at Gettysburg on Nov. 19, 1863. He later wrote to Lincoln: "I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes."

- a. Edward Everett b. William Lloyd Garrison
c. Frederick Douglass



◀ **Marie Tepe**, a female Union soldier, was among the women who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. She reportedly wore a .44 caliber pistol on her hip and a uniform she made herself.

8. This woman wore a riding dress with two small pistols in her belt and was awarded the Kearney Cross for bravery at the Battle of Gettysburg. Who was she?

- a. Lorinda Ann Blair
b. Clara Barton c. Indian Eve

9. These two soldiers ranked at the bottom of their respective West Point graduating class (a position called "the Goat"), but figured significantly in the battle. Who were they?

- a. Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant
b. Abner Doubleday and Joseph Hooker
c. George Custer and George Pickett

10. Surviving veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg gathered in the Pennsylvania town on the battle's 50th anniversary in 1913 to reminisce and to be honored by various dignitaries, including President Woodrow Wilson. How many veterans were there?

- a. 53,407 b. 1,221 c. 100,648

ANSWER

1—a 2—b 3—a 4—b 5—b 6—c 7—a 8—a 9—c 10—a