

Battle of Antietam

1. Before
 - a. General McClellan got a copy of General Lee's plan
 - b. Antietam Creek was a strategic point, easy to defend for Lee.
 - c. General Lee moves men into position
 - i. 30 acre farm field near Antietam Creek
2. During
 - a. September 17th, General McClellan attacks
 - i. Union outnumbered Confederates 2 to 1.
 - b. Massive killing field, 8 hours = 15k casualties
 - c. Bloody Lane
 - i. Center of field, worst casualties
 - d. Union finally took the bridge, but quickly pushed back.
 - e. At night both sides worked to claim dead/wounded
 - f. Ended up a stalemate (neither side really "wins").
 - i. Union claims strategic victory
3. After
 - a. 12 hours of fighting = 23k casualties (3,650 dead)
 - i. Single bloodiest day in American military history
 - b. General McClellan did not pursue General Lee as he retreated.
 - c. President Lincoln was furious and had McClellan fired