

## **Battle of Fredericksburg**

1. Before
  - a. General Burnside needed to move quick to take out General Lee's army
    - i. Wanted to take Confederate capital of Richmond
    - ii. Delayed b/c needed pontoon bridges to cross into Fredericksburg.
  - b. General Lee moves Longstreet's men to a hill and Jackson's men to a lane (both well protected).
  - c. Bridges finally arrive 11/25.
2. During
  - a. Confederate snipers try taking out bridge builders on 12/11
  - b. Fighting to take snipers out in town
  - c. Burnside splits his men to take out Longstreet and Jackson on 12/12
    - i. Became known as Slaughter Pen against Jackson on 12/13
    - ii. Men sent for Longstreet were no better
      1. Horrifying results
  - d. By end of December 14th the battlefield is covered with dead/wounded
  - e. December 15th General Burnside retreats
3. After
  - a. ~18,500 casualties ( $\frac{2}{3}$  Union)
  - b. General Burnside is fired
  - c. Huge morale boost for Confederacy