

Battle of Gettysburg Quiz

1. This union general commanded the Union III Corps at the battle of Gettysburg. In February of 1859, he shot and killed his wife's lover, Barton Key who was the son of Francis Scott Key. He was acquitted with the first use of temporary insanity as a legal defense in U.S. history. His actions at Gettysburg almost caused the Union to lose the battle. Who is he?
A - Dan Sickles B - Francis Hartwick C - Gaston Julia D - J. H. Hobart Ward E - George Thomas
2. General John Buford commanded the 8th Illinois Calvary at Gettysburg. He conducted defense in depth maneuvers which stalled the initial Confederate attack on the first day of fighting. This enabled the Union army to keep command of the high ground around Gettysburg which led to the eventual Union victory. What Illinois city is General Buford from?
A – Galesburg B – Rock Island C – Peoria D - Springfield E – West Chicago
3. General John Reynolds who commanded the Union I Corps at Gettysburg was considered to be one of the finest officers in the Union army. He was instantly killed in the morning of the first day of fighting as he conducted troop movements to relief the exhausted 8th Illinois Calvary. What city in Pennsylvania was General Reynolds from?
A – Allentown B - Erie C – Harrisburg D – Lancaster E – Altoona
4. After General Reynolds was killed, what union general assumed command of the I Corps?
A - Abner Doubleday B – Lysander Cutler C – Rufus Ingalls D – Seth Williams E – Wade Burdick
5. What is the name of the only Gettysburg resident who was killed during the three day battle? As she was making bread, a bullet pierced the kitchen door of her home, entered her back and instantly killed her.
A – Amanda Garlock B – Rose Weatherspoon C - Jenny Wade D – Helga Schmidt E - Rachael Glover
6. This outstanding 26 year old Rockton, Illinois Calvary officer was promoted from captain to general a few days before he was killed on the third day of battle at Gettysburg. He is buried in Rockton Cemetery, Rockton, Illinois. What is his name?
A – Emmet Barkley B – John Butterfield C - Farley Peters D – Steven Hurlbut E - Elon Farnsworth
7. This 72 year old Gettysburg resident used his revolutionary war musket to fight alongside Union troops during the first day of battle. Two days later, a Confederate soldier tried to assassinate him. What is this man's name?
A – Henry Payne B - Richard Sarles C – Clive Gardner D – Jonas Wilcox E – John Burns
8. What is the name of the Union general of German ancestry who escaped capture on the first day of battle by hiding in a pigsty for 3 days?
A – Carl Schurz B - Alex Schimmelfennig C – Hans Hensel D – Wolfgang Burgmeister E – Klaus Kruger
9. What is the name of the first Confederate general captured during the battle of Gettysburg?
A – Thomas Kemper B – James Archer C – Samuel Pickens D – Richard Garnett E – Harold Baxter
10. On a highway outside of Gettysburg, there is a marker that marks the location of the first shot of the battle. At the start of the Civil War, the person who made this famous shot lived in Danby, Illinois which is now Glen Ellyn. What is his name?
A – George Shaw B – Marcellus Jones C - J. Thompson Brown D – Perry Eagleton E - Elmo Burgner

11. For his heroic and brilliant leadership in saving the left flank of the Union line on the second day of battle at Gettysburg, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was awarded the Medal of Honor. Before the Civil War, Chamberlain was a college professor of Modern Languages. What is the name of the college where Chamberlain taught?
- A – Bowdoin B – Andover C – Barnard D – Bates E - Colby
12. In the early morning hours of June 28th, days before the start of the battle of Gettysburg, George Gordon Meade received the order from President Lincoln that made Meade the new commanding general of the Army of the Potomac. What was the name of the army colonel who delivered the order to General Meade?
- A – William Buckley B – James Hardie C – Burtram Willis D – George Ellsworth E – Curtis Lee
13. On the afternoon of the second day of battle, 262 men of the 1st Minnesota regiment were ordered to attack an advancing line of 1,600 Alabama Rebels. Only 47 members of the 1st Minnesota survived the attack, but were able to hold off the rebels until the gap in the Union line was repaired. What is name of the person who commanded the 1st Minnesota?
- A – Lawrence Overton B – Lute Olson C. Judson Kilpatrick D – Francis Hastings E – William Colvill
14. On the afternoon of the second day of battle, a Catholic priest addressed the Irish Brigade before they went into battle against rebel troops. He offered absolution to the entire unit. What is the priest's name?
- A – Father O'Rourke B – Father Daniels C – Father Morrill D - Father Stackhouse E – Father Corby
15. Margaret Mitchell who wrote *Gone With the Wind*, had a grandfather who fought in the Devil's Den sector of the battle field at Gettysburg. What was the grandfather's name?
- A – Russell Mitchell B – James Mitchell C – Hobart Mitchell D - Stanley Mitchell E – Chester Mitchell
16. General Mead's headquarters was located in a small house owned by a Gettysburg widow. What was her name?
- A – Lydia Leister B – Amanda Hookdale C. Rachel Brewster D – Sylvia Snively E – Martha Teague
17. On July 3rd General Lee launched his final attack against Union troops positioned on Cemetery Ridge. The final Confederate attack at Gettysburg is known as Pickett's Charge. Prior to the actual attack, the Confederates launched a heavy artillery barrage against Union positions. Who commanded this Confederate artillery attack at Gettysburg?
- A – E. P. Alexander B – J. R. Simmons C – A. P. Hill D – F. J. Hooker E – S. J. Davenport
18. Pickett's assault failed, however, one of his brigade commanders did reach the Union line and later died of severe battle wounds. As he led his troops to the stone wall and his hat perched on the tip of his raised sword, he said 'Give them the cold steel boys'. Who was this brigade commander?
- A – General Garnett B – General Kemper C. General Hood D – General Armistead E – General Barksdale
19. On July 4th the battle field at Gettysburg was soaked with heavy rain and no fighting took place. Late that night, General Lee started to move his severely battered army from Pennsylvania to safety in Virginia. On what date did Lee finally get all of his army across the river at Williamsport and back into Virginia?
- A - July 12th B – July 14th C – July 16th D – July 18th E – July 21th
20. The stench of the battle field did not leave the Gettysburg area until November 1863 when President Lincoln gave his world famous 269 word speech. What is the date of the Gettysburg Address?
- A – November 5th B - November 10th C – November 15th D – November 19th E – November 23rd