



# Early Battles of the Civil War

The back and forth fighting from  
April 1861-July 1863

# “On to Richmond”

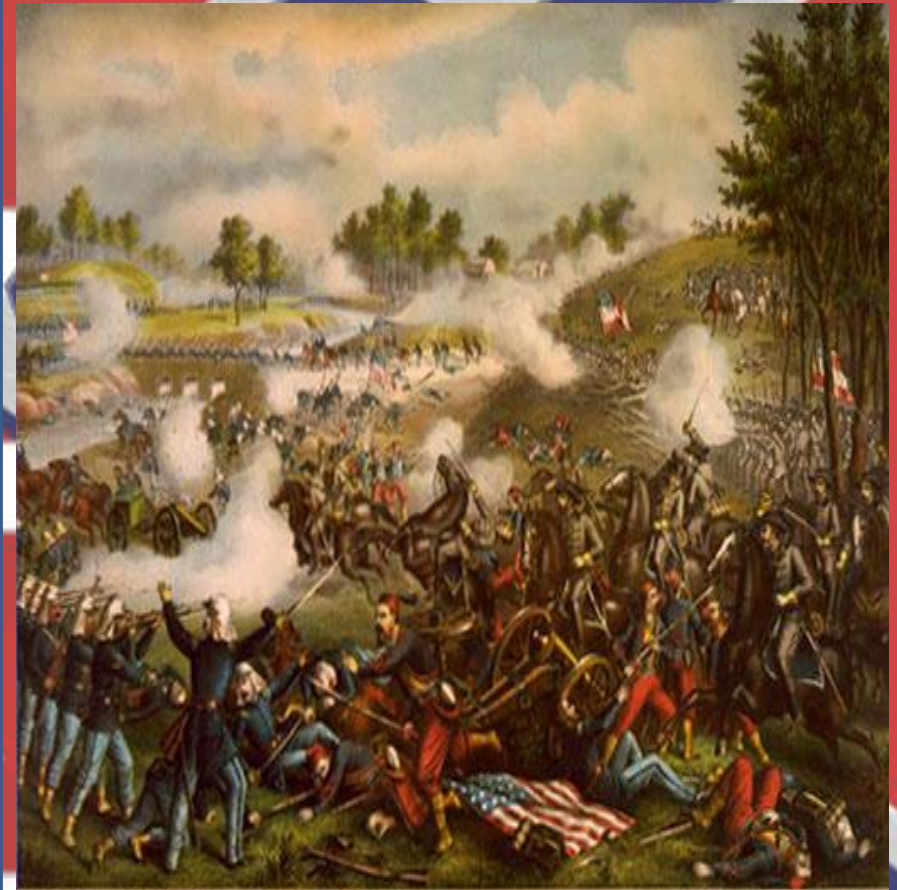
- Early Union strategy was to capture Confederate Capital of Richmond



# First Battle of Bull Run

July 21, 1861

- Union General McDowell tries to march to Richmond
- Stopped at Manassas Junction
- Confederate Generals and troops are superior



BATTLE OF BULL RUN.



# War in the West

Shiloh, Tenn.

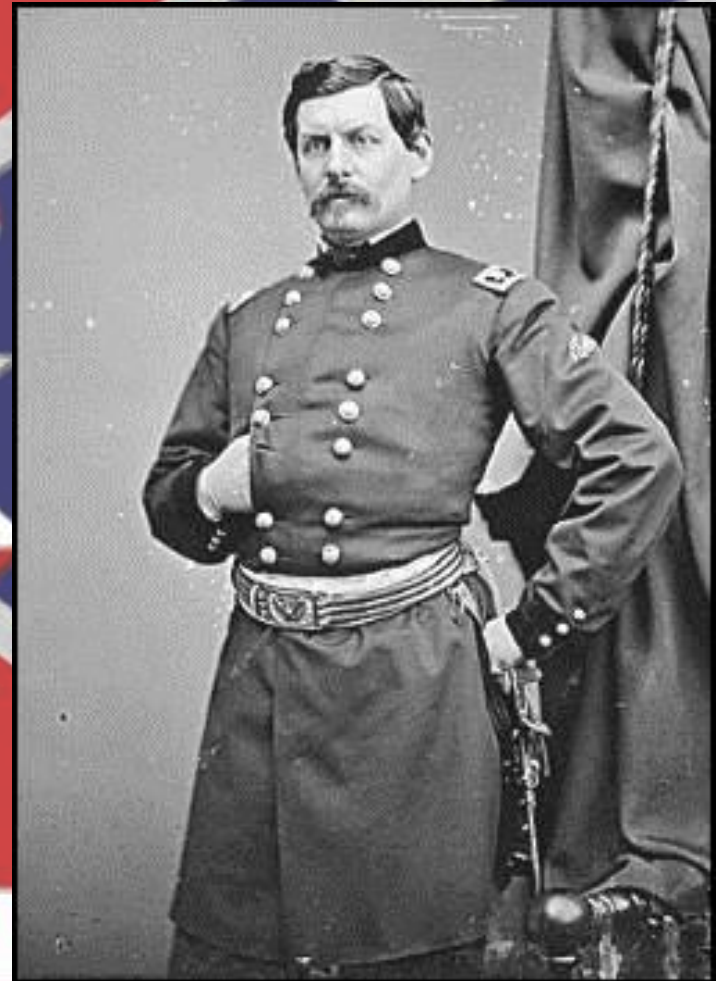
April 6-7, 1862

- Confederates try to stop Union in West
- Confederates win 1st day, but Union General Grant able to win battle on 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - US: 13,000 casualties
  - Css: 10,700 casualties



# When at first you don't succeed....

- New commander of Union General McClellan tries a seaborne invasion of Virginia
- Stopped within sight of Richmond

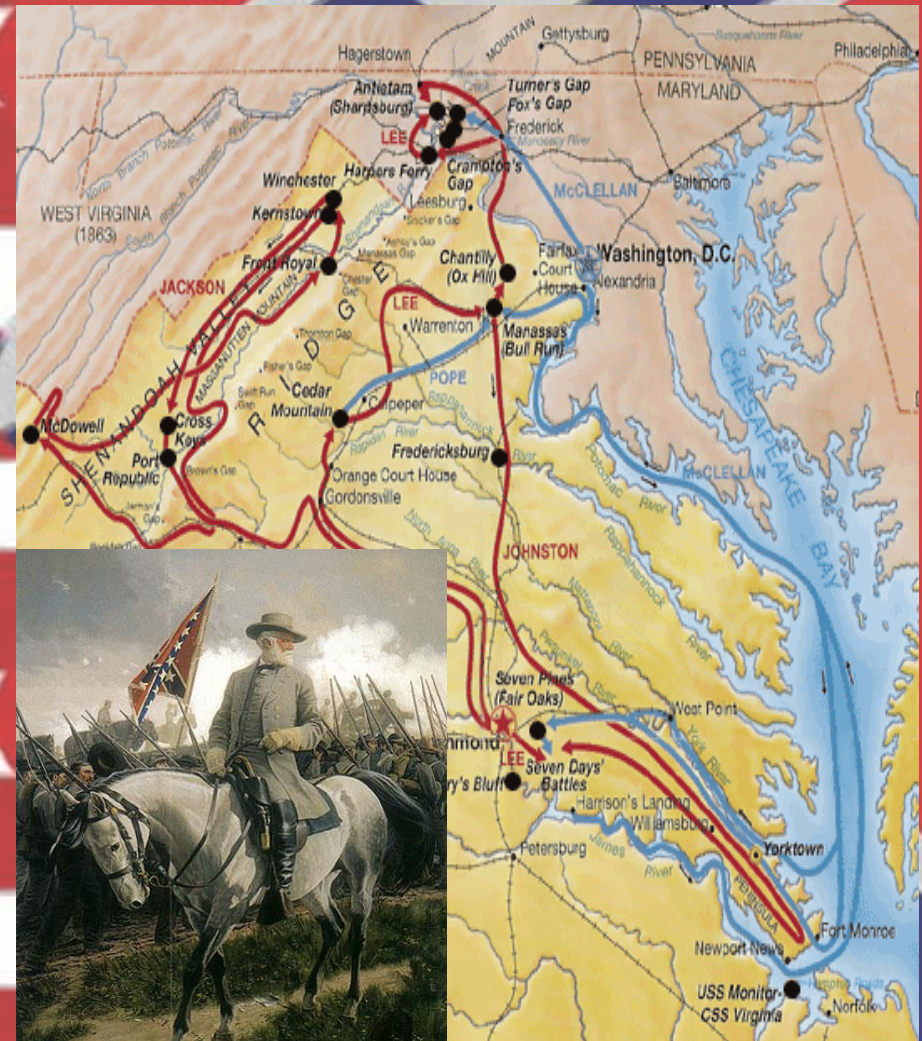




# Lee Steps In

Summer 1862

- After Confederate General Johnson is Wounded, Robert E. Lee Takes command of army of N. Virginia
- Quickly defeats Union troops in Virginia and pushes to Washington



# Monitor and the Merrimack

July 9, 1862

Hampton Roads, Virginia

- CSS Virginia (Merrimack) trying to break blockade
- First battle between steel armored ships
- Neither ship can sink the other





# Seize the Opportunity

Western Minnesota  
Summer 1862

- Native Americans in Central Minnesota decide to try to regain land





# Battle of Antietam

Sharpsburg, Maryland  
Sept 17, 1862

- Lee trying to capture Maryland
- McClellan trying to destroy Lee's army
- Both fail
- Bloodiest single day in American history
  - 23,000 casualties



# Impact of Antietam

- Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation
  - Freed slaves in Confederate States
- Confederates lose support of British and French

# Change of Command

- Union Generals in East are weak and indecisive
  - Burnside
    - Nov 1862-Jan 1863
  - Hooker
    - Jan 1863-June 1863

