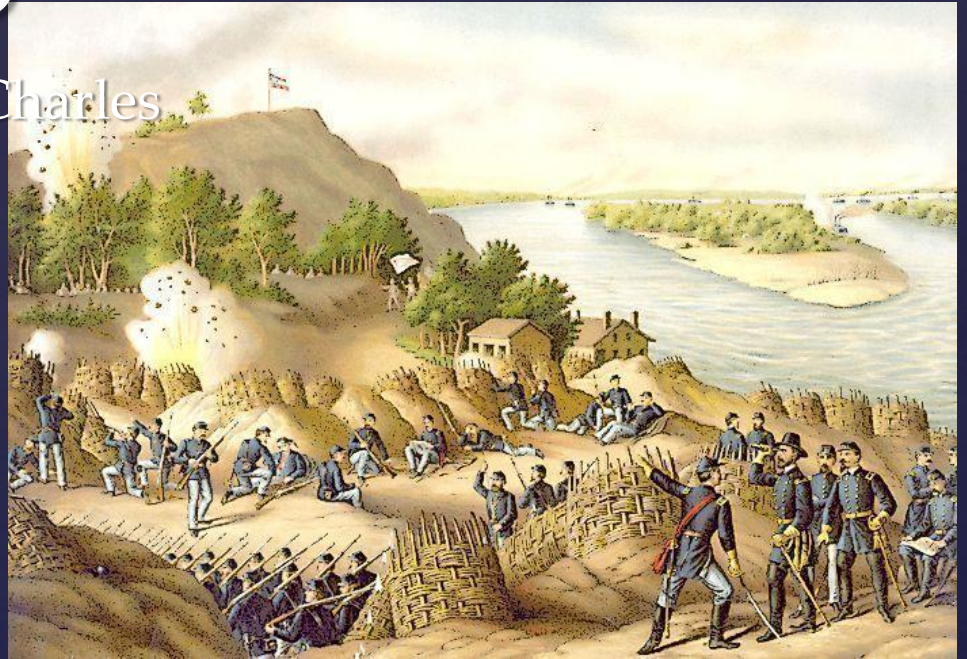


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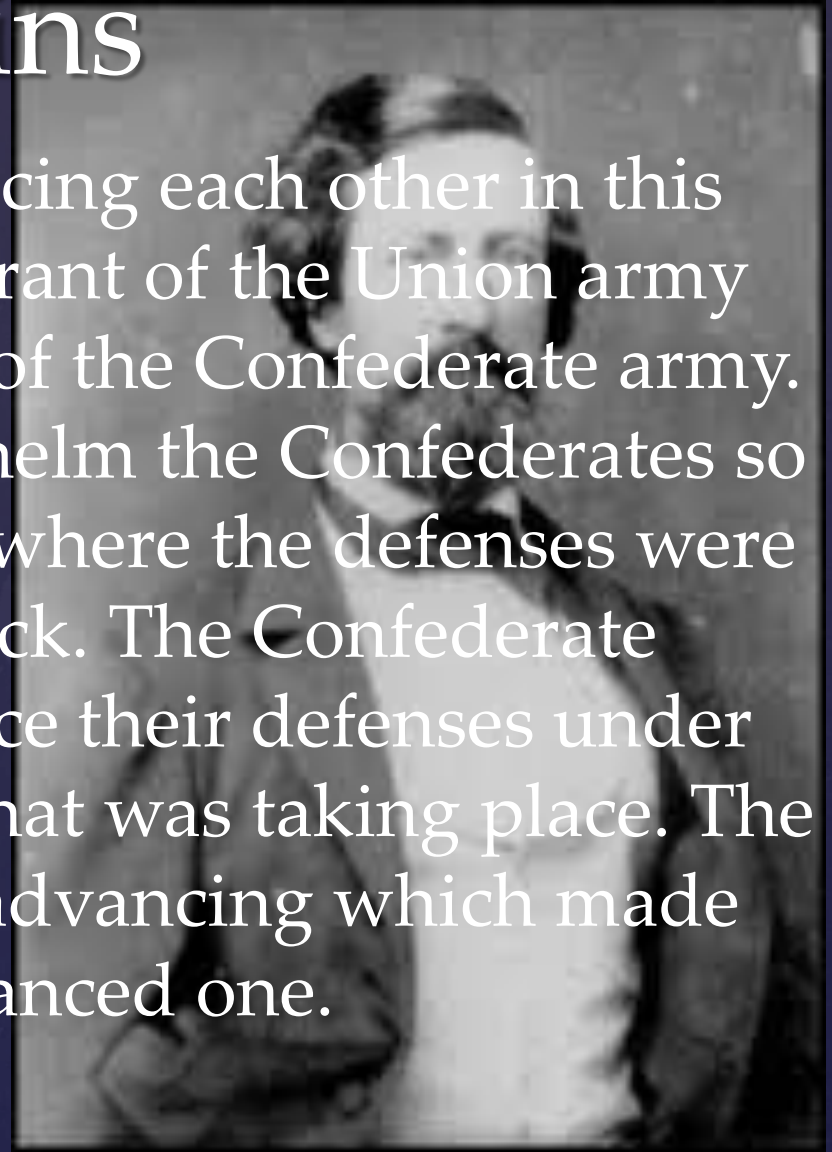
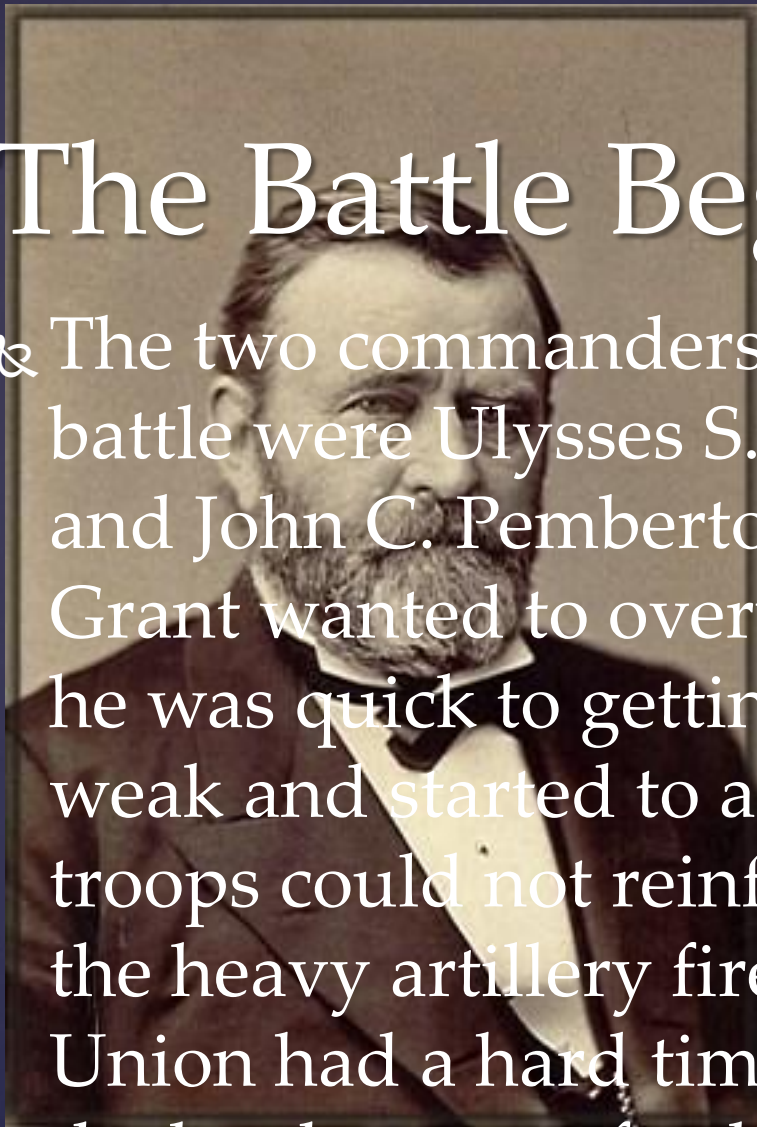
Significance

& This battle was very significant because the Union took control of the Mississippi River. This gave the Union a major advantage to the rest of the oncoming war. After this battle people were sure that the Union was going to win the war because they had control of the Mississippi River which was one of the South's major import and export.



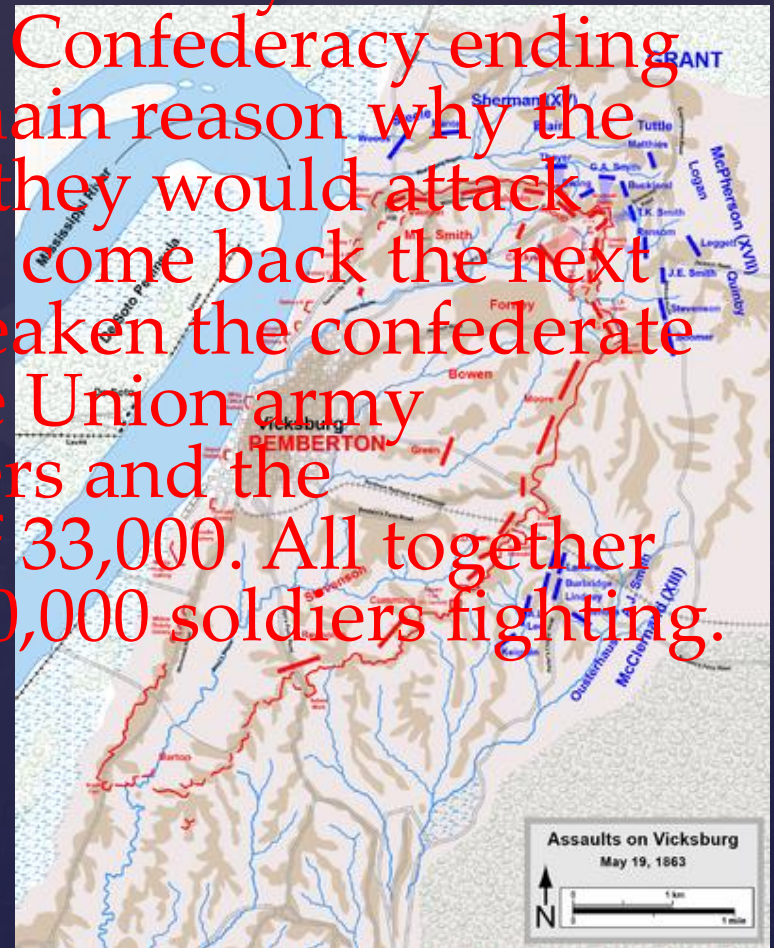
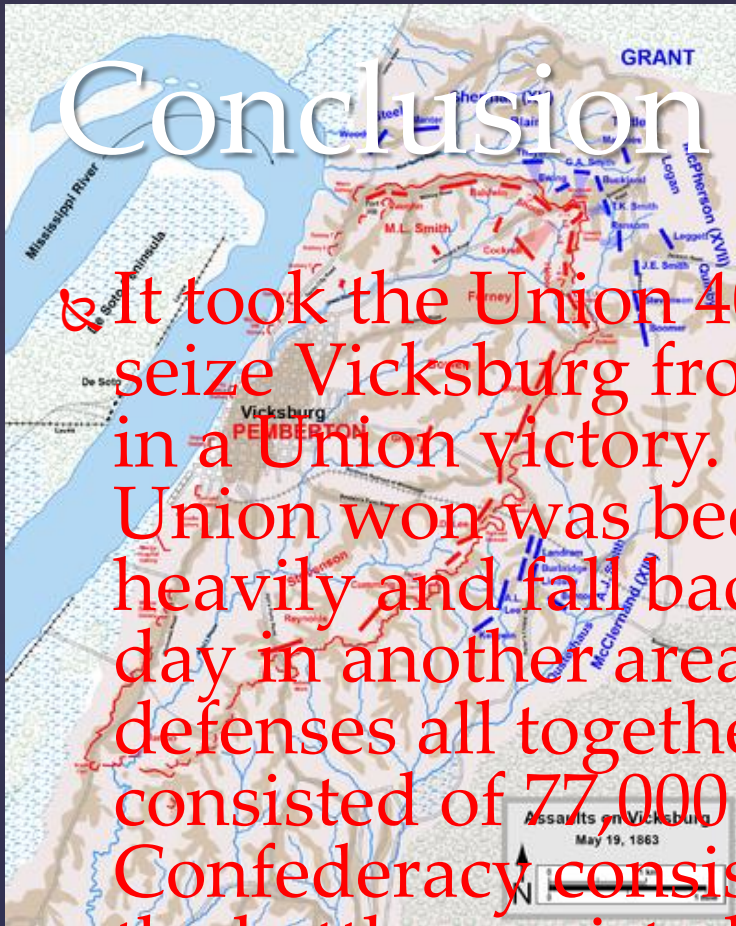
The Battle Begins

& The two commanders facing each other in this battle were Ulysses S. Grant of the Union army and John C. Pemberton of the Confederate army. Grant wanted to overwhelm the Confederates so he was quick to getting where the defenses were weak and started to attack. The Confederate troops could not reinforce their defenses under the heavy artillery fire that was taking place. The Union had a hard time advancing which made the battle more of a distanced one.



Conclusion

It took the Union 40 days but they were able to seize Vicksburg from the Confederacy ending in a Union victory. The main reason why the Union won was because they would attack heavily and fall back and come back the next day in another area to weaken the confederate defenses all together. The Union army consisted of 77,000 soldiers and the Confederacy consisted of 33,000. All together the battle consisted of 110,000 soldiers fighting.



Important Occurrences

The battle started on May 18, 1863. Two battles that led up to Vicksburg were the Battle of Champion Hill, and the Battle of Big Black River Bridge which is where the Confederate forces got trapped in Vicksburg. Shortly after the Battle at Vicksburg was the battle of Gettysburg which was a major turning point for the Union in the war.



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