



The Battle of Antietam

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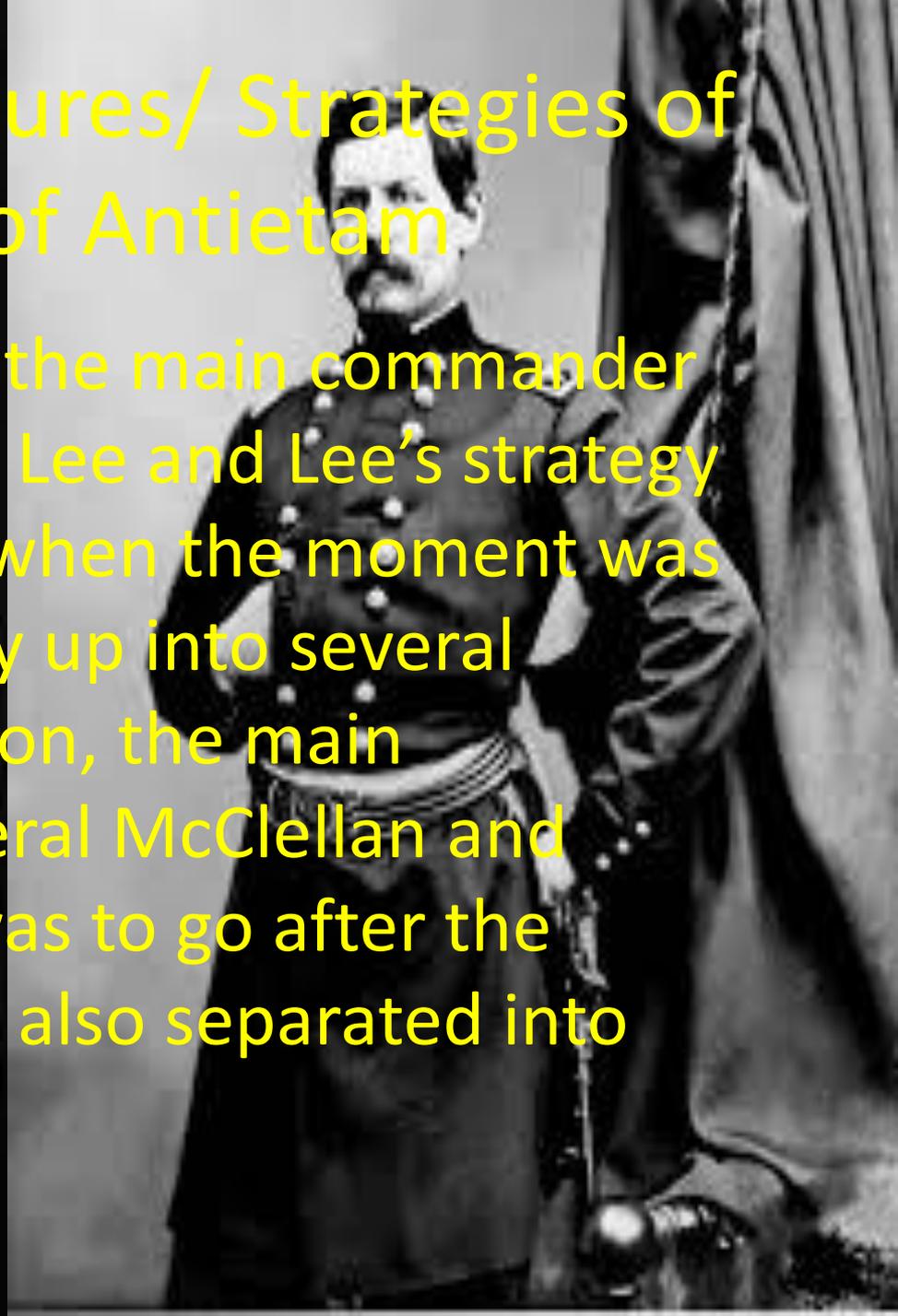
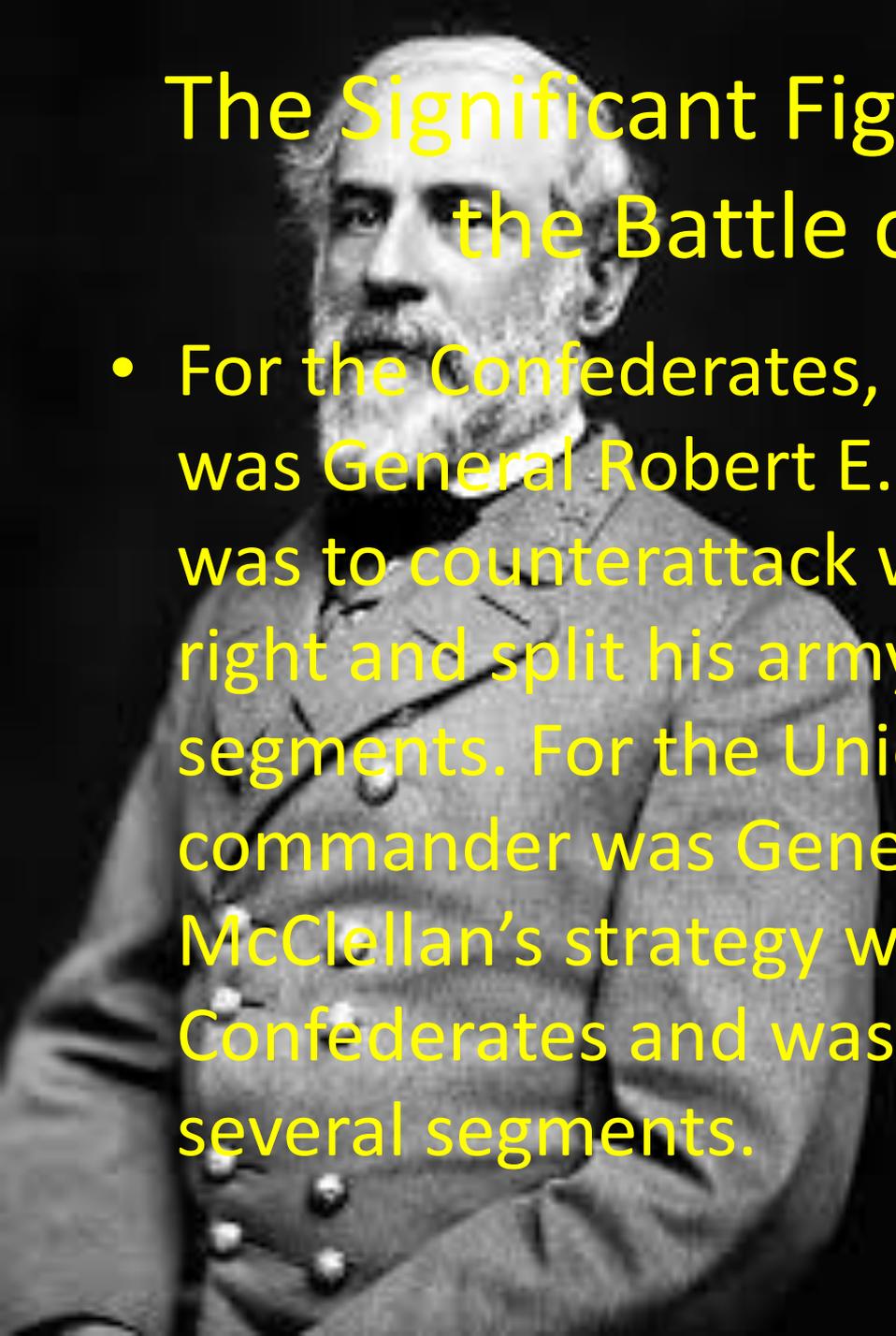
Antietam, Why So Important?

- The battle of Antietam was a very significant battle due to making Lee and his forces retreat from Maryland, but also for one very big thing addressed by Abraham Lincoln. That was one thing was a document known as the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery in the rebellious states (a.k.a The Confederate States). It also changed how people viewed wars on how close to home they were taking place at and also how gruesome they were. Also, it was the only battle in the Civil War that was a “draw”.



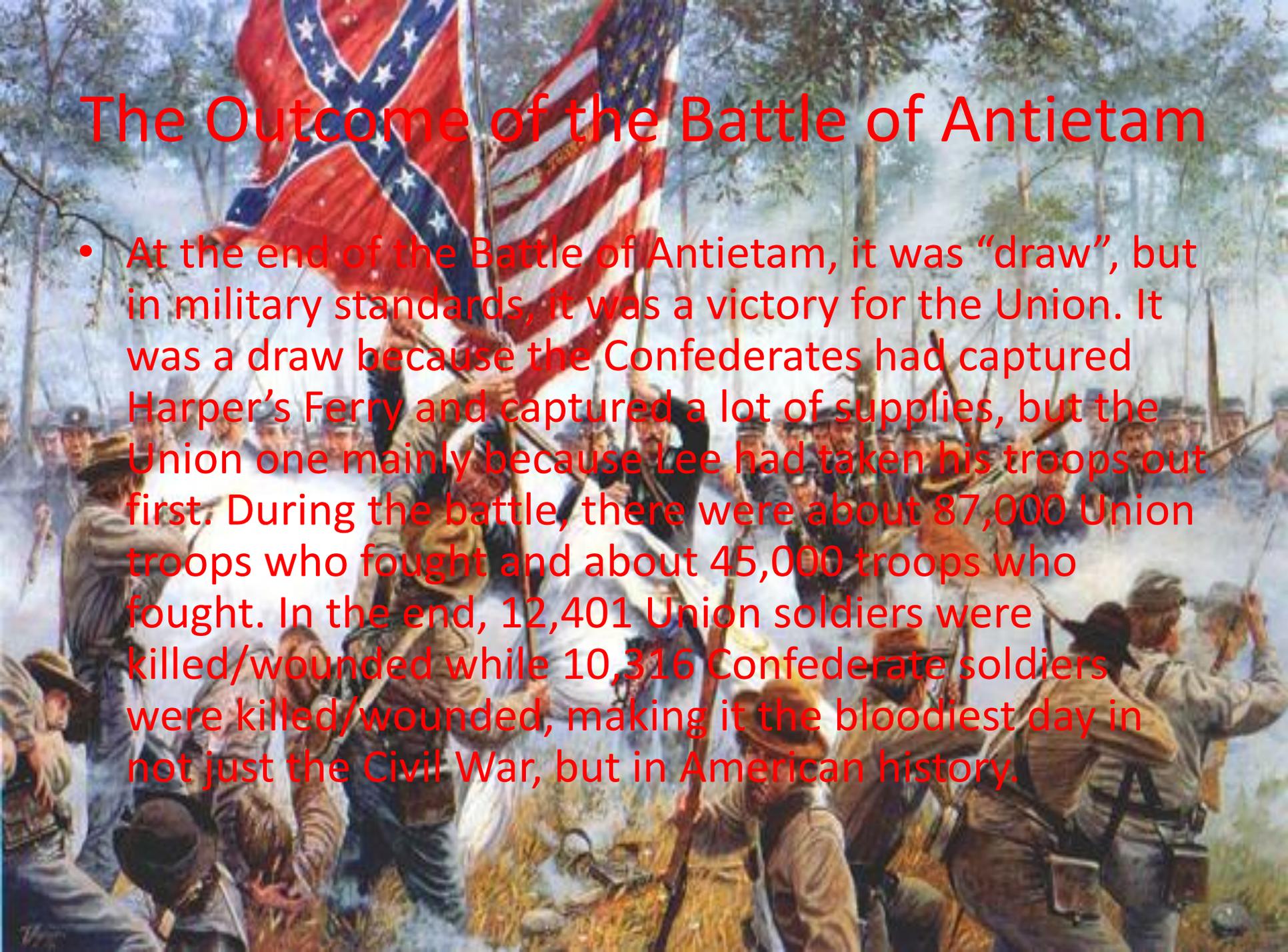
The Significant Figures/ Strategies of the Battle of Antietam

- For the Confederates, the main commander was General Robert E. Lee and Lee's strategy was to counterattack when the moment was right and split his army up into several segments. For the Union, the main commander was General McClellan and McClellan's strategy was to go after the Confederates and was also separated into several segments.



The Outcome of the Battle of Antietam

- At the end of the Battle of Antietam, it was “draw”, but in military standards, it was a victory for the Union. It was a draw because the Confederates had captured Harper’s Ferry and captured a lot of supplies, but the Union one mainly because Lee had taken his troops out first. During the battle, there were about 87,000 Union troops who fought and about 45,000 troops who fought. In the end, 12,401 Union soldiers were killed/wounded while 10,316 Confederate soldiers were killed/wounded, making it the bloodiest day in not just the Civil War, but in American history.



Significant Dates

- Battle of Antietam= September 16-18, 1862
- Two major battles that occurred before that:
Battle of Manassas & Capture of New Orleans.
- The Gettysburg Address



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