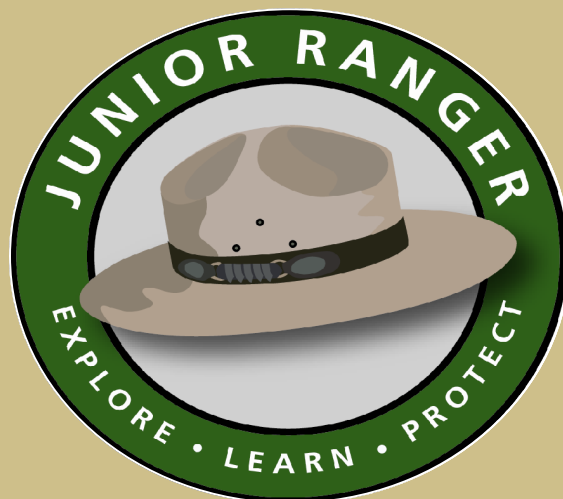


Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park



Junior Ranger Activity Book #2 Chancellorsville



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Welcome to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park!



You are in a very special place. This place is so special that the United States made it a National Park. The National Park Service takes care of our most important natural and historical places so we can learn about them, enjoy them, and be inspired. It also makes sure these special places will be around for a long time so others can appreciate them many years from now.

You know you are at a National Park when you see this symbol:



Today there are over 400 National Parks in our country. Some are natural wonders like the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone. Others are historical sites like George Washington's Birthplace. Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania is a National Military Park, created to preserve battlefields that are important to America's history.

During the Civil War, the Union and Confederate armies fought many battles in Virginia. By visiting this park, you will learn about four of them: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House. The battles have many amazing stories of bravery and heroism, victory and defeat, and mistakes and sadness. These stories can be told by park rangers, found in the fields and forests, or in buildings and monuments. This Junior Ranger book will help you learn more about the stories that took place on these battlefields and why they are so important to our history.



Check off the activities as you finish them:

- Pop Quiz
- What's the Plan?
- Take a Hike!
- Hit the Open Road
- Remembering
- Through the Woods

Thanks for deciding to become a Junior Ranger!

After completing the activities, you will become a Junior Ranger and earn a Junior Ranger patch!

How to become a Junior Ranger:

Step 1: Get a Junior Ranger book.

Step 2: If you are 4-7 years old, complete any 4 activities.
If you are 8-10 years old, complete any 5 activities.
If you are 11 years old or older, complete all 6 activities.

Step 3: Bring this book back to the Visitor Center and have a Park Ranger check your work.

Step 4: Receive your Junior Ranger patch!
Congratulations!



Helpful Hints:

For clues, look through the museum exhibits.

Go on a guided tour - you can get lots of answers!

If you have questions, ask a Park Ranger.

Junior Rangers know it's important to preserve the battlefields for people today and in the future. You can help us take care of this important place by promising to:

Stay on trails and only cross earthworks by using bridges.

Be a good example and act in a safe and courteous manner.

Honor the memory of the men who fought here by treating the battlefields with respect by **not** playing ball, flying kites, or riding skateboards in the park.

Enjoy the park and leave it in a better condition than you found it.

Enjoy learning about Civil War history and share what you have learned with others.



Pop Quiz!



Answers to the questions below may be found by looking through the museum, watching the movie, or taking a ranger-led tour at the Chancellorsville Visitor Center.

- In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the _____ Proclamation, which declared freedom for some enslaved people.
A. Liberation B. Emancipation C. Declaration
- The battle of Chancellorsville took place in what month of the year 1863?
A. March B. May C. June
- Who commanded the Union army at the battle of Chancellorsville?
General Joseph _____
- Who commanded the Confederate army at the battle of Chancellorsville?
General Robert E. _____
- Which army had more soldiers?
A. Union B. Confederate
- What was General Thomas J. Jackson's nickname?
A. Stonewall B. Fighting C. Johnny
- Men from which side shot General Jackson?
A. Union B. Confederate
- Which army commander was hurt during the battle?
A. Hooker B. Lee
- Which side won the battle of Chancellorsville?
A. Union B. Confederate
- What was the next large battle fought by these armies after Chancellorsville?
A. Antietam B. Appomattox C. Gettysburg



Cartoon of Union army commander General "Fighting" Joe Hooker

Match each of these with its official military term:

Foot soldiers

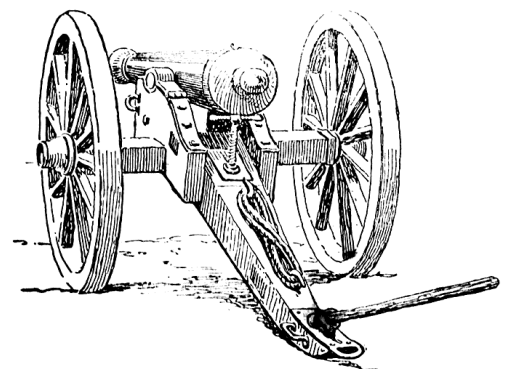
Artillery

Horse soldiers

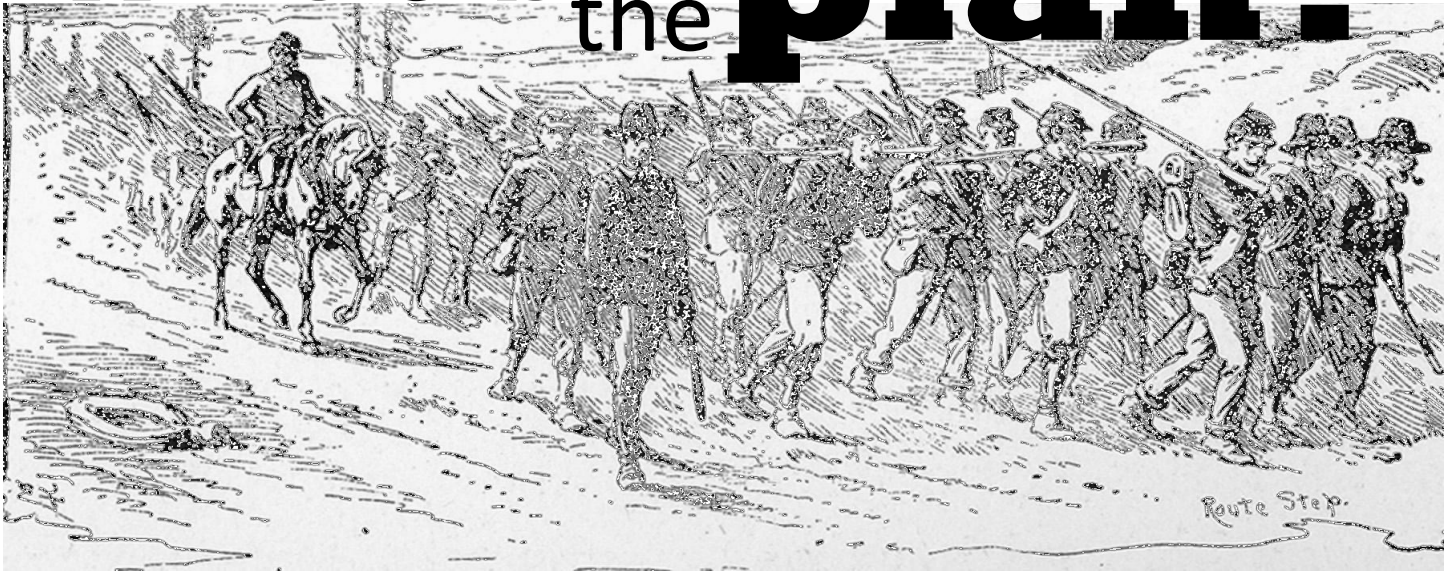
Infantry

Cannons

Cavalry



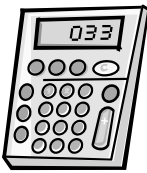
What's the plan?



How do you start a battle? Answer these questions to find out how the Confederate Army started one here at Chancellorsville.

1

At the battle of Chancellorsville, General Joseph Hooker's Union army had over twice as many soldiers as General Robert E. Lee's Confederate army.



If the Confederate army had about 60,000 soldiers, then how many soldiers did the Union army have?

60,000 x 2 = _____ Union soldiers

2

Even though General Lee was outnumbered, he made a very risky decision; he chose to split up his army and attack. Why do you think he did that?

3

General Lee put "Stonewall" Jackson in charge of the attack. Jackson was excited to be leading the attack and Lee trusted him. Do you think that had something to do with Lee's decision? How so?



Generals Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson brainstorming plans for the battle of Chancellorsville.

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Did General Lee make a good choice? Why or why not?

Take . . . a hike!

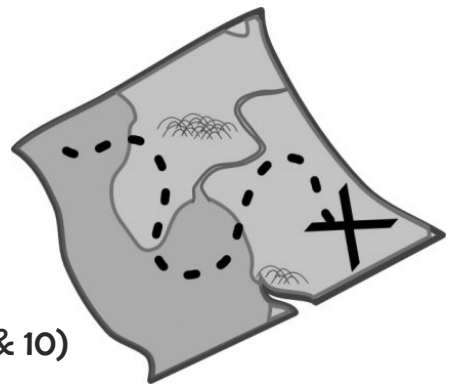


OK. You've been in the car all day, now it's time you stretched those legs. **No**, we're not talking about a visit to the bathroom! (although that might be a good idea) How about a hike?

That's right, a nice stroll in the woods, or even the fields - we think you'll really like it. If you choose to do this mission, we'll need your help. Here's how....

1 Choose a trail

Circle the trail of your choice!



x Hazel Grove/Fairview (driving tour stops # 9 & 10)

The bloodiest morning of the Civil War

2 miles - 1 hour - moderate hike - field

x Chancellorsville History (driving tour stop # 1)

Get lost in the woods of the Wilderness

4 miles - 1.5 hours - moderate hike - woods

x McLaws Line (driving tour stop # 4)

Discover what's so important about these rolling hills

2 miles - 1 hour - moderate hike - field



Be sure to pick up your trail map at the visitor center!

Circle which items you might want to take with you on a hike... remember that you can't take everything!

grab the necessities

2

mac 'n cheese

sunscreen



water

football

flip flops



bug spray



3

Once on the trail...

Grab your camera!

Take **5 pictures** to tell the story of the trail you chose. *Who was here? What did they do? What kind of ground did they walk on?* Come back to the Visitor Center to show us the pictures on your camera. No camera? Draw the pictures below. We can't wait to see what you found!

1	2	3
4	5	Everybody has a camera, sure, some people have a digital one. Others may have a camera in their phone. But we all have a camera that never leaves us - our very own eyes and memory!

What did this trail tell you about the battle?

Answer a few short Q's

4

Why do you think we created this trail?

Tell us a story you learned while on this trail

What is something that you saw on this trail that you weren't expecting to see?





Hit the open road

Take a self-guided driving tour of the battlefield

So we understand that you want to see the battlefield. Well guess what? We've been nice to you. We've created a way for you to see and learn about the battle - from your car! Go ahead and get in that comfy seat and get ready to see the Chancellorsville Battlefield!

As you drive along, you will pass signs with lots of good stories (trust us on this one, they're pretty cool.) As you read them, be sure to fill in the answers below.

1 Name: _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3 Name: _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

List the names of 5 people you read about on the signs. Then answer these questions:

A. *Why were these people important to the battle?*

B. *How did the battle affect their lives?*

C. *What was their role in the battle?*

2 Name: _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

4 Name: _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

5 Name: _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

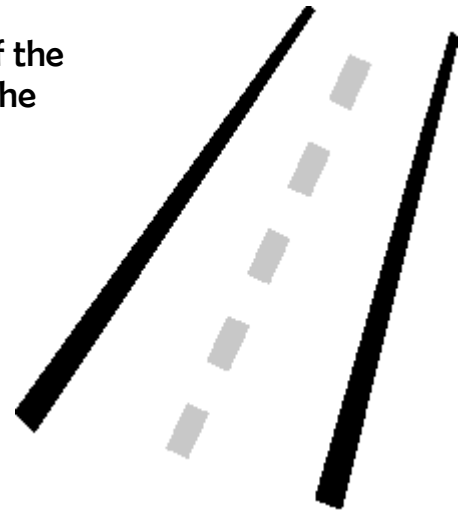


Imagine what the ground would have looked like during the battle. Would it be like it is today? Choose a driving tour stop. Read the signs at the stop. In the box below, draw or write what you think this space would have looked like during the battle. Need help? There are **tons** of hints back at the Visitor Center.

In **1863** this looked like...

We are not always able to save all the important land. What if the driving tour could take you to only one site? After going to all the stops, which one do you think tells the best story of the Battle of Chancellorsville? Choose wisely!

In the space below, tell us why you chose that stop by writing at least 3 sentences that let us know why you believe it is the most important.



Remembering *the* **battle**



The story of what happened at the battle of Chancellorsville has been remembered by many people over the years. Some made monuments to honor those who fought in the battle. As you go through the park, you will see several of these monuments. Choose one and think about the following questions:

*Hint: there are
2 monuments
just behind the
Visitor Center!*

Why do you think it was put there?

What does it tell us about the people who put it there?

What might it tell us about the Battle of Chancellorsville?

In the space below, **draw** a monument dedicated to you, your family, or something special.



THROUGH THE WOODS

In 1863, the area around Chancellorsville was a tangled mess of vines, bushes and small trees. It was called *The Wilderness*, and soldiers had to fight in these forests during the battle. To get an idea of what it was like, follow these instructions:

Take the short, half-mile historical “Loop Trail” that begins and ends near the Visitor Center. While you are on the trail, you will see ditches and mounds of dirt. These are called *earthworks* and were made by the soldiers to protect themselves. Please stay on the trail and do not walk on the earthworks.

Think about the following questions while you are on the trail:

How would you walk through the woods if the path was not here?

How far can you see in the woods? How far can you hear in the woods?

How do you think *The Wilderness* affected the Battle of Chancellorsville?



This painting gives you an idea of how it would have looked as Confederate troops attacked through *The Wilderness*. See how the soldiers struggle to get through the thick woods? Also notice the scared birds and animals scurrying out in front of them!

To learn more about the National Park Service Junior Ranger program, visit: www.nps.gov/webrangers.com

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The painting below shows General "Stonewall" Jackson on his horse "Little Sorrel" just before ordering his flank attack on May 2, 1863.

