

Antietam Battlefield Guide Sample Test Questions

The Maryland Campaign of 1862

1. Directions: Match these events by putting the event letter in the Match column next to the date.

Match	Date	Event
N	September 13	N. Special Order #191 found by Federals

2. In three or four sentences, explain why the Maryland Campaign, which culminated in the Battle of Antietam, was a major turning point of the Civil War, and indeed in American history.

3. What was McClellan's reaction to the discovery of Special Order 191?

Harper's Ferry

4. What other Union garrison town did Stonewall Jackson capture prior to Harpers Ferry?

Battle of South Mountain

5. Which Confederate infantry division initially defended the passes at Turner's and Fox's Gap at the Battle of South Mountain?

Days Before

6. What Union infantry division commander led the pursuit of Lee's Army through Boonsboro on September 15th?

Battle of Antietam (Overall)

7. List the Confederate wing commanders and their division commanders at Antietam:

8. Name four main interpretive themes for Antietam National Battlefield.

The Cornfield

9. William Starke commanded one of the Louisiana brigades at Antietam. Who commanded the other one?

The West Woods

10. What was the marching sequence of Sumner's three division commanders as they marched onto the battlefield on the 17th?

The Sunken Road

11. Roger Pryor's brigade included soldiers from this southern state?

The Middle Bridge

12. As the Second Corps secured the Sunken Road, regular army soldiers under what Fifth Corps division commander sent a skirmish line across the Antietam and advanced cautiously toward the Confederate center.

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Burnside Bridge

13. In the battle for the Burnside Bridge, three Union brigades made separate assaults against the bridge. Name one.

Final Attack

14. Until A.P. Hill's arrival, which Confederate division defended Lee's right?

Aftermath

15. Which Union Corps commander's troops pursued the retreating Confederates and fought the Battle of Shepherdstown?

Civilians

16. In three or four sentences describe how the battle had a major impact on the residents of the town of Sharpsburg, and the surrounding farms.

Medical

17. Name one medical innovation that Doctor Jonathan Letterman implemented at the Battle of Antietam?

Park History/Monuments

18. Three of the Pennsylvania monuments depict specific individuals. Name one of these individuals.

Frequently Asked Questions by Visitors

19. What is the effective range of a *rifled* musket?

Terrain Features

20. What was the significance of the rock ledges west of the Hagerstown Pike near Starke Avenue?

Military Concepts/Terminology

21. At full strength match the unit (i.e. company, brigade etc. with the size of the unit i.e. 50, 1,000 etc.)

Maps

An essential part of interpreting Antietam National Battlefield is a good understanding of the location of the various structures and geographic features on the field. Additionally, a general understanding of the troop dispositions is key. You will be asked to match a location, troop unit, or geographic feature on a map(s).

Photos

Identify individuals or locations from historic photographs and name of the individual/place *underneath* each photograph.