

The Battle of Shiloh

The Battle of Shiloh was one of the key campaigns in the fight for the Mississippi River Valley. On April 6, 1862, Union soldiers led by General Ulysses S. Grant were camped outside Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, waiting for reinforcements led by General Don Carlos Buell.

Confederate forces led by General Albert S. Johnston attacked the unsuspecting Union army at dawn. That night, after a bloody day of fighting, Buell's army arrived, and on the second morning, the reinforced Union army forced the Confederates to retreat. However, the Battle of Shiloh forced the Union to realize that the rebellion would not collapse on its own.

Notable Commanders at the Battle of Shiloh	
Union Commanders Led by Major General Ulysses S. Grant	Confederate Commanders Led by General Albert S. Johnston
Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell	General P.G.T. Beauregard
Maj. Gen. John A. McClelland	Maj. Gen. Braxton Bragg
Maj. Gen. Lewis Wallace	Maj. Gen. B.F. Cheatham
Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Crittenden	Maj. Gen. William J. Hardee
Brig. Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut	Maj. Gen. Leonidas Polk
Brig. Gen. Alexander McCook	Brig. Gen. John C. Breckinridge
Brig. Gen. William Nelson	Brig. Gen. James R. Chalmers
Brig. Gen. Benjamin M. Prentiss	Brig. Gen. Charles Clark
Brig. Gen. William T. Sherman	Brig. Gen. John J. Jackson
Brig. Gen. William H.L. Wallace	Brig. Gen. Daniel Ruggles
Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Wood	Brig. Gen. Jones M. Withers
Col. David Stuart	Col. Nathan B. Forrest

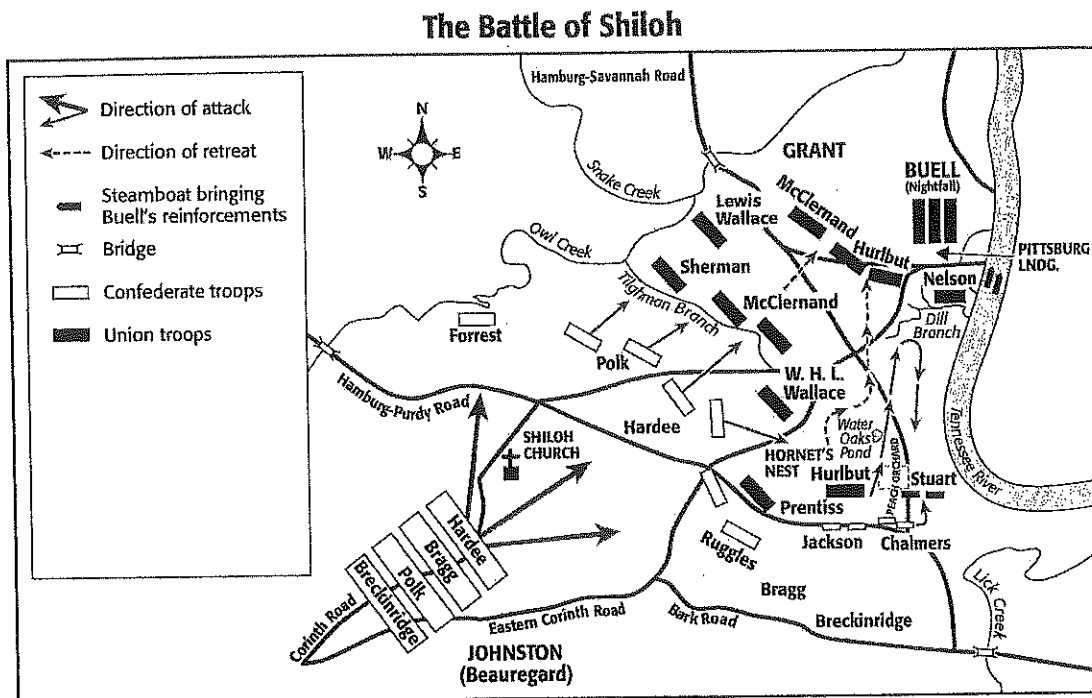
MAP ACTIVITY

1. Gather four highlighters or pens of different colors. With the first highlighter or pen, shade or circle Shiloh Church.
2. Use the second highlighter or pen to shade or underline the names of the Confederate commanders (not all commanders in the table are shown on the map).
3. Use the third highlighter or pen to shade or underline the names of the Union commanders.
4. Use the fourth highlighter or pen to trace the route of Owl Creek.

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5. Add an explanation to the legend for your color scheme.



ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Analyze** Why was this campaign named the Battle of Shiloh?

2. **Location** What river forms the eastern boundary of the battle area?

3. **Location** Whose Confederate forces were closest to Owl Creek?

4. **Location** Along what waterway were General Sherman and General McClernand stationed?

5. **Predict** Based on your knowledge of the battle and the map, what do you think would have been the outcome of the Battle of Shiloh if General Buell had not arrived with reinforcements after the first day's fighting?