

Virginia Battle Trail

Identify major Civil War battles fought in Virginia.

VS.7.e "identifying major battles that took place in Virginia;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every major battle name in the passage. Number the battle names in the order they appear, so you can identify each Virginia battle.

Battles Across Virginia

- ① Virginia was the setting for many major Civil War battles. In July 1861, the First Battle of Manassas took place near Manassas Junction. It was the first large land battle of the war. Confederate troops won, and people in both the North and South learned that the war would not end quickly. A second major battle, Second Manassas, was fought in the same area in August 1862.
- ② In December 1862, the Battle of Fredericksburg was fought in and around the city of Fredericksburg. Union soldiers attacked Confederate soldiers on high ground. The Confederate army won the battle. In May 1863, the Battle of Chancellorsville took place near the village of Chancellorsville. The Confederate army won there too, but General Thomas Stonewall Jackson was badly wounded and later died.
- ③ In 1864, fighting between Union General Ulysses S. Grant and Confederate General Robert E. Lee moved through Virginia. Major battles included the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Cold Harbor. The major Battle of Petersburg followed. Union troops surrounded the city for many months. In April 1865, the Battle of Appomattox Court House ended when Lee surrendered his army there. This surrender ended major fighting in Virginia.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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Which two battles were fought in the Manassas area?

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What major battle was fought in and around the city of Fredericksburg?

3

Which battle took place near the village of Chancellorsville in May 1863?

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What battle ended when General Lee surrendered his army in April 1865?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose three major Virginia battles from the passage. Complete the table with each battle name, when it happened, and one Virginia location or event detail from the passage.

BATTLE NAME	WHEN IT HAPPENED	VIRGINIA LOCATION OR EVENT DETAIL

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every major battle name in the passage. Number the battle names in the order they appear, so you can identify each Virginia battle. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two battles were fought in the Manassas area?	The First Battle of Manassas and Second Manassas.
2	What major battle was fought in and around the city of Fredericksburg?	The Battle of Fredericksburg.
3	Which battle took place near the village of Chancellorsville in May 1863?	The Battle of Chancellorsville.
4	What battle ended when General Lee surrendered his army in April 1865?	The Battle of Appomattox Court House.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

BATTLE NAME	WHEN IT HAPPENED	VIRGINIA LOCATION OR EVENT DETAIL
First Battle of Manassas	July 1861	near Manassas Junction
Battle of Fredericksburg	December 1862	in and around Fredericksburg
Battle of Appomattox Court House	April 1865	Lee surrendered his army there

Accept battle names with or without the word Battle when the name clearly identifies the correct event. For the table, accept any three named battles with accurate time information and a passage-based location or event detail.