



JEFFERSON DAVIS

and his Confederate generals

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Research Corner

Many Civil War battles actually had two names. The Union usually named the battle after a local landmark, such as a river or a creek. The Confederates sometimes named the same battles after towns or place names in the area. Research these battle names and pair them up in the column at right. The first one has already been done for you. Research Corner Stone Bridge ruins at Bull Run Creek.

Confederate Name	Union Name	Battle Pairs
■ Sharpsburg	■ Bull Run	1. <u>First Manassas</u> / <u>Bull Run</u>
■ Shiloh	■ Fair Oaks	2. _____ / _____
■ Elkhorn Tavern	■ Pea Ridge	3. _____ / _____
■ First Manassas	■ Pittsburg Landing	4. _____ / _____
■ Oak Hills	■ Antietam	5. _____ / _____
■ Seven Pines	■ Wilson's Creek	6. _____ / _____
■ Dry Fork	■ Carthage	7. _____ / _____



Stone Bridge ruins at Bull Run Creek. Sightseers who turned out to watch the first Battle of Bull Run in 1861 got more than they bargained for when the retreating Union Army fled back to Washington, creating panic and chaos along the road and bridge.

Primary Source

After the Confederate victory at First Manassas, rumors spread that Jefferson Davis was at fault for not allowing his army to pursue the retreating federals and attack Washington. Davis determined that General Beauregard was responsible for the rumors and sent him this stern letter.

“Sir: Yesterday my attention was called to various newspaper publications purporting to have been sent from Manassas, and to be a synopsis of your report of the battle of the 21st of July last, and in which it is represented that you have been overruled by me in your plan for a battle with the enemy south of the Potomac, for the capture of Baltimore and Washington, and the liberation of Maryland.

With much surprise I found that the newspaper statements were

sustained by the text of your report. I was surprised, because, if we did differ in opinion as to the measure and purposes of contemplated campaigns, such fact could have no appropriate place in the report of a battle; further, because it seemed to be an attempt to exalt yourself at my expense; and, especially, because no such plan as that described was submitted to me.”

After the war, Jefferson Davis published *“The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government,”* in which he gave his side of the war story.

VOCABULARY

Place the letter of the vocabulary word on the line next to its definition. Write a sentence using each word.

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| A. Consign | _____ 1. | Unfavorable conditions or circumstances |
| B. Desertion | _____ 2. | Materials that provide support for achieving a goal |
| C. Superior | _____ 3. | Morally right or justified |
| D. Criticize | _____ 4. | Courage in bearing pain or trouble |
| E. Cooperation | _____ 5. | Better or greater in some way |
| F. Offense | _____ 6. | person who has served in the armed forces |
| G. Disintegrate | _____ 7. | Qualifications providing the basis for confidence |
| H. Righteous | _____ 8. | Quarrelsome, troublesome |
| I. Veteran | _____ 9. | To give up or surrender one's job or position |
| J. Casualties | _____ 10. | To hand over into someone's care |
| K. Reprimand | _____ 11. | To raise a person to a higher rank or office |
| L. Disadvantages | _____ 12. | A place of action or field of operations in a war |
| N. Promote | _____ 13. | To find fault with |
| O. Prowess | _____ 14. | Working together in a helpful way |
| P. Fortitude | _____ 15. | To scold for a fault or offense |
| Q. Resources | _____ 16. | Plan of action to achieve a specific goal |
| R. Resign | _____ 17. | The act of attacking or assaulting |
| S. Credentials | _____ 18. | To fall apart or break into small pieces |
| T. Strategy | _____ 19. | The dead, wounded or missing resulting from a battle |
| U. Contentious | _____ 20. | Leaving without intending to return |
| V. Theater | _____ 21. | An account of one's personal life and experiences |
| W. Memoir | _____ 22. | Exceptional skill or strength |

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