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## VICKSBURG INTRODUCTION

1. What is Vicksburg known as?

- a. The city on the hill
- b. The key city
- c. The Gibraltar of the Confederacy
- d. All the above

2. How many people live in Vicksburg today?

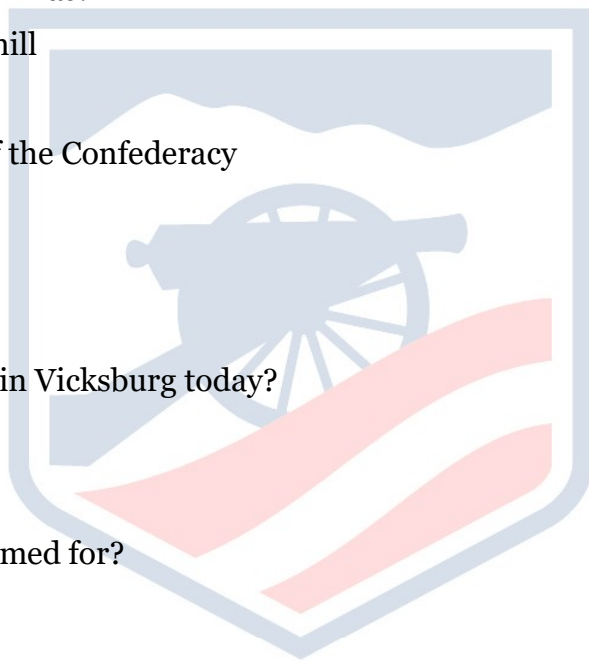
3. Who was Vicksburg named for?

- a. Vick Walter
- b. Newet Vick
- c. Charles Vick
- d. Vick Johnson

4. When was Vicksburg incorporated?

5. Vicksburg was the \_\_\_\_\_ largest city in Mississippi?

- a. Fifth
- b. Fourth
- c. Third
- d. Second



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6. Mississippi is the \_\_\_\_\_ state?

- a. Maple
- b. Oak
- c. Magnolia
- d. Birch

7. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Vicksburg was home to \_\_\_\_\_ White people and \_\_\_\_\_ Black people.

- a. 4000, 1000
- b. 1500, 3500
- c. 3500, 1500
- d. 2500, 2500

8. What three “R”s made Vicksburg a strategic location during the Civil War

## THE RIVER

9. What river is Vicksburg located on?

10. What made the Siege of Vicksburg a true siege?

11. Why was the Union attempt to capture Vicksburg in 1862 a failure?

- a. They used sea-faring ships
- b. Vicksburg was well defended by the bluffs

c. Both A and B

12. Why does “brown water” (a river) require a different boat?

13. Who were the two Union officers that devised a plan to take Vicksburg?

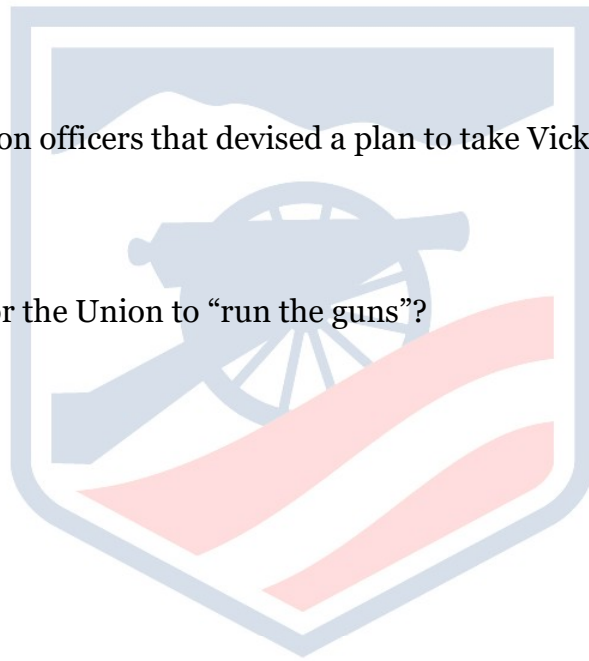
14. How long did it take for the Union to “run the guns”?

- a. One hour
- b. 1.5 hours
- c. 2 hours
- d. 2.5 hours

15. It took \_\_\_\_\_ days for the Union to capture Vicksburg.

16. Where did Vicksburg civilians hide during the Siege?

- a. In the cotton fields
- b. In caves dug into the hillsides
- c. In their homes
- d. In the courthouse



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## VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

17. Name one other battlefield from the Civil War that was preserved in the late 1890s.

18. How many monuments and memorials does Vicksburg National Military Park have?

- a. 2000
- b. 1500
- c. 2500
- d. 1300

19. The walls in the fortifications serve as protection and the openings allow for soldiers to fire the large artillery.

- a. True
- b. False

20. Name two materials used to make the Confederate fortifications at Vicksburg.

21. Why did the Confederate Army burn down civilian homes on the battlefield?

22. How many troops did the Confederate Army have in Vicksburg?

- a. 40,000
- b. 25,000
- c. 30,000
- d. 20,000

23. The Illinois Monument is named after what historic structure?

- a. The Parthenon in Athens
- b. The Pantheon in Rome
- c. The Pyramids in Egypt
- d. The Arc du Triomphe in Paris

24. Name one of the two Presidents whose names are inscribed in the wall of the Illinois Monument?

25. Check the names of all key players of the Vicksburg Campaign.

- ☐ Jefferson Davis
- ☐ Abraham Lincoln
- ☐ James Longstreet
- ☐ George Pickett
- ☐ David Dixon Porter
- ☐ Ulysses S. Grant
- ☐ John Pemberton
- ☐ George Meade

26. Why did John Pemperton, a native Pennsylvanian, join the Confederacy?

27. There were ten Confederate fortifications leading into Vicksburg.

- a. True
- b. False

28. Over the course of fighting, what warfare tactics were used?

- a. Assaults
- b. Approaches
- c. Mine explosions
- d. All the above

29. Why is the Shirley House so famous?

30. What regiment uses the Shirley House as a Headquarters?

31. Why was living in a cave a better option for Vicksburg civilians than remaining in their homes during the Siege?

32. Orion P. Howe served in the 55<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry as a:

- a. Officer
- b. Musician
- c. Cook
- d. Doctor

33. Why was Orion P. Howe awarded a Medal of Honor?

34. John C. Pemberton was given an impossible task when asked to defend Vicksburg.

- a. True
- b. False

35. How many of the 17,000 troops buried at Vicksburg National Cemetery are unidentified?

- a. 11,000
- b. 12,000
- c. 13,000
- d. 14,000

36. The USS *Cairo* was what type of boat?

- a. Steamboat
- b. Gunboat
- c. Keelboat
- d. Flatboat

37. The USS *Cairo* sunk in \_\_\_\_\_ (year) and was raised from the Yazoo River in \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

38. The USS *Cairo* and some other gunboats were named for cities on the Mississippi River.

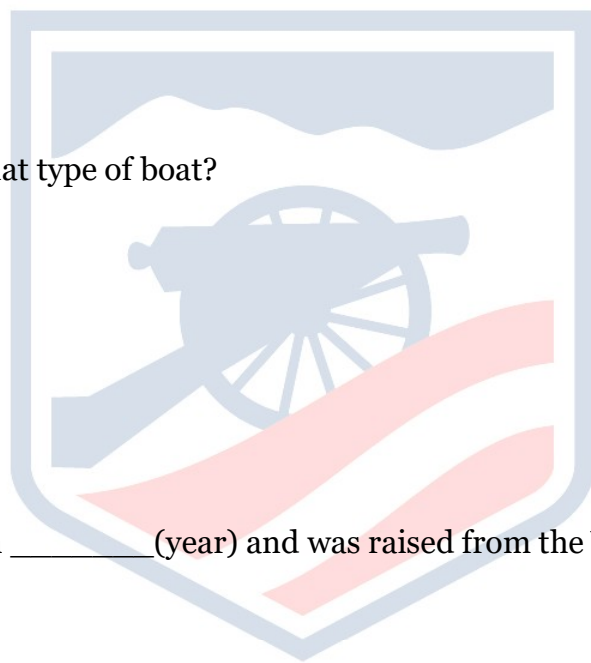
- a. True
- b. False

39. “Torpedoes” of the Civil War era are the same weapons as “mines” today.

- a. True
- b. False

40. Which of these is a primary source?

- a. Diaries
- b. Letters
- c. Newspapers
- d. Vlogs
- e. All the above



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## VICKSBURG'S MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES

41. The secession letters are a secondary source.

- a. True
- b. False

42. What do the secession letters tell us?

43. Name two of the types of businesses that could be found on Catfish Row?

44. In addition to Vicksburg, what other battles marked turning points of the Civil War?

45. The Fall of Vicksburg cut the Confederacy in two, depriving them of key supplies needed to survive and win the war.

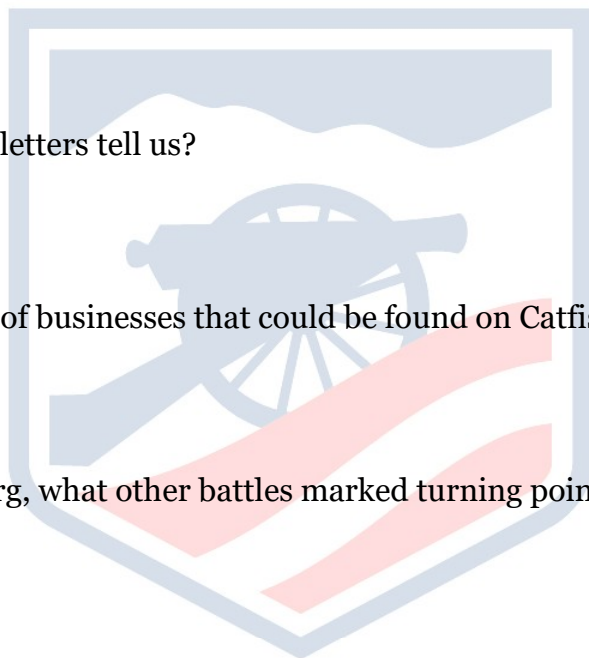
- a. True
- b. False

46. Most citizens of Vicksburg were in favor of secession.

- a. True
- b. False

47. Who was the first Black sheriff in the United States?

- a. William Crosby
- b. Crosby Peters
- c. Peter Crosby
- d. John Williams



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48. How many times was Jefferson Davis married?

49. Name two of the roles Jefferson Davis held before becoming President of the Confederacy.

50. The Mississippi River was dry in front of Vicksburg from 1880-1903.

- a. True
- b. False

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ coming to Vicksburg is why Duff Green's brother told him to move to Vicksburg.

- a. Circus
- b. Gambling Houses
- c. Railway

52. What was the Duff Green Mansion used for during the Siege of Vicksburg?

- a. Headquarters
- b. Armory
- c. Nothing
- d. Hospital

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## ANSWER KEY

### VICKSBURG INTRODUCTION

1. d. All the above
2. 23,000
3. b. Newet Vick
4. 1825
5. d. second
6. c. Magnolia
7. c. 3500, 1500
8. Roads, Rivers, Railroads

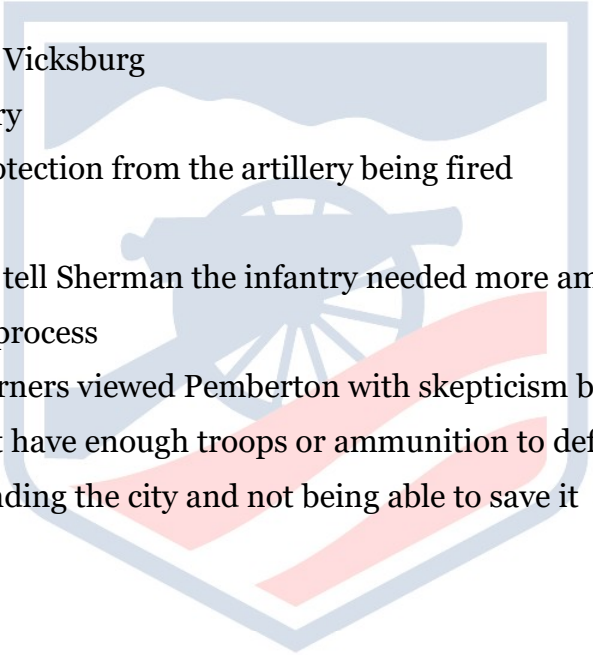


### THE RIVER

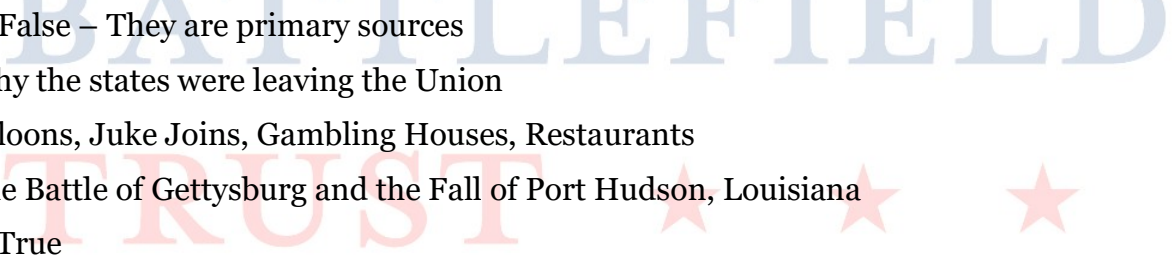
9. The Mississippi River
10. The fact that the city was surrounded
11. c. Both A and B
12. Because the streams are narrower and shallower, mud, flooding
13. Ulysses S. Grant and David Dixon Porter
14. d. 2.5 hours
15. 47 days
16. b. In caves dug into the hillsides

### VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

17. Gettysburg, Chickamauga-Chattanooga, Shiloh, Antietam
18. d. 1300
19. a. True
20. Earthen, wood, cane
21. To prevent them from inhabiting, sheltering or hiding in them
22. c. 30,000
23. b. The Pantheon in Rome

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24. Ulysses S. Grant, Abraham Lincoln  
25. Jefferson Davis, Abraham Lincoln, David Dixon Porter, Ulysses S. Grant, John Pemberton  
26. He did not want to take up arms against his wife and her family who were from Virginia  
27. b. False – There were nine  
28. d. All the above  
29. It survived the Siege of Vicksburg  
30. The 45<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry  
31. Because it provided protection from the artillery being fired  
32. b. Musician  
33. Because he ran back to tell Sherman the infantry needed more ammunition and was injured (shot in the leg) in the process  
34. a. True – Many Southerners viewed Pemberton with skepticism because of his Northern roots. Pemberton also did not have enough troops or ammunition to defend Vicksburg, and he faced criticism for both defending the city and not being able to save it  
35. c. 13,000  
36. b. Gunboat  
37. 1862 / 1960s  
38. b. False – They were named for cities on the Ohio River  
39. a. True  
40. e. All the above

## VICKSBURG'S MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES

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41. b. False – They are primary sources  
42. Why the states were leaving the Union  
43. Saloons, Juke Joins, Gambling Houses, Restaurants  
44. The Battle of Gettysburg and the Fall of Port Hudson, Louisiana  
45. a. True  
46. b. False – Many were against secession  
47. c. Peter Crosby  
48. Twice  
49. Soldier in the Mexican War, Secretary of War, Senator, Founder of the Smithsonian Museum

50.b. False – It was dry from 1876-1903

51. c. Railway

52. d. Hospital



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