

LONG ROAD BACK TO KENTUCKY

THE 1862 CONFEDERATE INVASION

KENTUCKY'S EARLY EXPERIENCE IN THE WAR



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Teachers Guide

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Explores the crucial events of the Civil War west of the Appalachian Mountains from 1861 through to the Confederate invasion of Kentucky in the fall of 1862.

This award-winning program covers the collapse of the Confederate defenses in Kentucky in the Winter of 1862, the Battle of Shiloh and the movement of General Bragg's Confederate Army from Tupelo to Chattanooga.

It chronicles the advance of Bragg's and General Kirby Smith's Armies into Kentucky and the interdiction of what had become a full fledged Confederate invasion of the State by General Buell's Union Army.

Lavishly illustrated with period photography, reenactments, animated battle maps and rare works of art, this documentary takes you onto the battlefields of Richmond, Munfordville and Perryville.

DISCUSSION TOPICS/QUESTIONS:

1. What made Kentucky important to both the Union and the Confederacy?
2. Why would President Abraham Lincoln have believed that he "needed God on his side, but he had to have Kentucky?"
3. What prevented Kentucky, a slave-owning State, from seceding from the Union?
4. How could Kentucky maintain neutrality in the Civil War, given its geographic position?
5. What military operations brought Kentucky firmly into the grasp of the Union?
6. Why did Tennessee construct forts along the Kentucky border on the Mississippi, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers?
7. How did Union forces break the Confederate defenses of Kentucky?
8. Describe the importance of the Union fresh-water Navy in the campaign to take Kentucky and Tennessee.
9. Why did General Albert Sidney Johnston direct all of the Confederate forces in Kentucky and the region to collect below the great bend of the Tennessee River after the fall of Fort Donelson in February 1862?