

# **LONG ROAD BACK TO KENTUCKY**

## **THE 1862 CONFEDERATE INVASION**

### **THE BATTLE OF PERRYVILLE**



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## 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 Union army entered Kentucky to confront General Bragg's and Kirby Smith's Confederate armies, and why did it march to Louisville before it confronted the Confederate forces?
2. Why was it important for Generals Bragg and Kirby Smith to inaugurate a governor of "Confederate" Kentucky, and how long was that governor in office?
3. Was it important for the two armies commanded by Generals Bragg and Kirby Smith to unite to confront the Union army under General Buell, and did they unite to confront the Union army?
4. Did General Bragg have enough troops in his Confederate army to effectively confront General Buell's Union army?
5. Why did General Buell send his three Union army corps in four different directions in the campaign against General Bragg's Confederate army?
6. Why did General Bragg not know where the main elements of General Buell's Union army were?
7. How and why did General Buell's Union army and General Bragg's Confederate army become engaged in battle outside of Perryville, Kentucky?
8. What was the result of the Battle of Perryville?
9. Why did General Bragg retreat after the Battle of Perryville?
10. Did Generals Bragg and Kirby Smith use the invasion of Kentucky to obtain supplies and livestock for their armies, and, if so, were they successful?
11. Once General Bragg's Confederate army returned to central Tennessee, how far had it campaigned since it first left Tupelo, Mississippi in August 1862?