

RETREAT FROM GETTYSBURG

LEE, LOGISTICS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN

THE AFTERMATH OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG



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Teachers Guide

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Based upon the critically-acclaimed and award-winning book, *Retreat From Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics & the Pennsylvania Campaign*.

Highly praised, this documentary takes the viewer on the very roads used by Lee's Army and immense wagon trains, as well as the key sites along those roads where Lee established defenses that delayed or defeated advances by General Meade's Union forces.

Magnificent aerial footage takes you to the battlefields, roads, mountain passes and Potomac River crossings. This unforgettable documentary is lavishly illustrated with period photographs, reenactments of critical moments in the retreat, animated battle maps and rare works of art.

DISCUSSION TOPICS/QUESTIONS:

1. Explain the situation of General Robert E. Lee's army after the fighting ended at Gettysburg.
2. What was the importance of all the purchased, impressed and confiscated goods (cattle, sheep, forage, horses, mules, wagons, grains and other items) to General Lee's army?
3. Would General Lee's Confederate army have survived in Virginia without it invading Pennsylvania, and, if not, why?
4. Describe the number and situation of the wounded soldiers in General Lee's army, and how did Lee determine to take them back to Virginia?
5. What is a line of supply and communication, and describe General Lee's line of supply and communication while in Pennsylvania.
6. What is the importance of a line of supply and communication and describe how General Lee used his line while invading Pennsylvania.
7. Was it General Lee's intention to fall back on his line of supply and communication, and, if so, how did he determine to do that?
8. What was General Lee's first movement of his army after the fighting ended at Gettysburg and before he began his retreat; and why was that movement necessary?
9. What is the military objective of a retreat after a lost battle?