

RETREAT FROM GETTYSBURG

LEE, LOGISTICS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA CAMPAIGN

THE PLANNING AND EARLY MOVEMENT OF THE RETREAT



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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. What two routes did General Lee's army take from Gettysburg to the Potomac River?
2. Describe the journey of General Lee's army from Gettysburg to the Potomac River.
3. How long were General Lee's wagon trains, and what routes did they take from Gettysburg to the Potomac River?
4. What advantage, if any, do mountains give to a retreating army, and how did General Lee use them during the retreat?
5. Did Union General George G. Meade actively pursue General Lee's retreating Confederate army?
6. What line of supply and communication did General Meade's Union army have while in Pennsylvania, and was General Meade able to use it to effectively feed and equip his horses, mules and troops?
7. What were the difficulties faced by General Meade's Union army as it pursued the retreating Confederates?
8. Describe the importance to General Lee's army of the defeat of the Union attacks at Williamsport, Maryland on July 6, 1863.
9. Who organized the Confederate defense of Williamsport, Maryland?