

Scavenger Hunt

As you read the panels, watch the videos, and look at the artifacts in the Gettysburg Heritage Center, find the answers to the following questions.

Before the Civil War

What did James Gettys do to help the town grow?

Had town lots surveyed and offered them for sale

Gettysburg was known for what industry prior to the Civil War? How do you think the start of the Civil War affected this industry?

Carriage industry; The principal market was the Southern states so the start of the Civil War decreased sales to the south

What was the population of Gettysburg in 1860? 2390

The Beginning of the Civil War

Why were the Gettysburg townspeople in a constant state of fear during the first two years of the Civil War?

Constant threat of invasion; Always rumors that the Rebels crossed the Potomac and were heading north

How did the townspeople greet the Army of the Potomac on the evening of June 30, 1863? How was this greeting different than how the citizen reacted when the Confederates were in town earlier that day?

Felt fear when the southern soldiers were in town earlier in the day; Opposite reaction when northern soldiers arrived; Citizen were happy to see Union soldiers

The Battle of Gettysburg

How did the townspeople first react to the fighting? How did their reaction change throughout the day?

Curious citizens watched from Seminary Ridge in the morning; they later realized serious fighting was ahead; Union officers ordered townspeople to evacuate or take shelter

Who was in possession of the town after the first day of fighting?

The South

It was been estimated that how many bullets were fired during the 3 days of fighting? _____

After the Battle of Gettysburg

Describe what Gettysburg looked like immediately after the battle.

Dead horses, dead soldiers, wounded soldiers, building ruined or gone, horrible odor

Standing near the witness tree, look up into the branches. There are vultures in the branches. Based on the information on the panels under the vultures, explain why there might be vultures in the branches.

Vultures were attracted to the large numbers of dead soldiers and horses

Pennsylvania Monument - After viewing the video, please answer the questions in this section.

Who was John Burns? What did he do during the Battle of Gettysburg?

69 year old civilian of Gettysburg; he joined the battle and was wounded

When did visitors start coming to Gettysburg? **Immediately**

Outside The Cellar Experience

Who was the only Gettysburg citizen killed outright during the fighting? **Mary Virginia “Jennie” Wade**

How many civilians were killed, wounded, captured, missing, or died as a result of the battle? Pick one to describe.

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Answers will vary

Outside The Leister House

What was the Leister House used for during and after the battle?

General Meade’s headquarters during the battle
Temporary field hospital after the battle

What was the ratio of the number of wounded to the number of townspeople after the battle? **10 : 1**

After the Battle of Gettysburg

What were the “deadly souvenirs” found after the Battle of Gettysburg that often injured civilians?

Artifacts associated with fighting, such as artillery shells

Why would the adjectives *strength* and *courage* be used to describe Elizabeth Thorn after the Battle of Gettysburg at the Evergreen Cemetery?

Her husband was away fighting in the war and she assumed the duties and served as caretaker of the Cemetery; she buried 91 soldiers in the heat and stench after the battle when she was 6 months pregnant

Who was the keynote speaker at the Soldier’s National Cemetery dedication on November 19, 1863? How long did he speak? How does that speech compare to President Lincoln’s *Gettysburg Address*?

Edward Everett was the keynote speaker; he spoke for 2 hours
Lincoln only spoke for 2-3 minutes

Battleroom

The war moved north because Lee wanted to move out of **Virginia** (state) and win a major battle in the **north**.

By the afternoon of the 2nd day of the Battle of Gettysburg the Union line resembled a **fishhook**.

During **Pickett's Charge**, the soldiers had to cross one mile of open field.

At the end of the Battle of Gettysburg, **wounded soldiers** outnumbered **citizens** by a ratio of 12 to 1.