

On the Trail of Grant and Lee

 assignment to go with the article


Three Civil Wars

It might be confusing, but the opening section simply talks about how the Grant family and the Lee family originally came to the American colonies...

1. Who was the King in England who was quarreling with Parliament?
 George III Charles I Henry VIII
 2. The group supporting the king was called The Roundheads The Cavaliers
 3. The group upholding Parliament was called The Roundheads The Cavaliers
 4. The (Matthew) Grant and (Richard) Lee families moved to ventured to America when...
 the potato famine broke out in Ireland
 the Huguenots were driven out of France
 civil war broke out in England
 5. Mathew Grant settled in Massachusetts first and then moved to ...
 Wisconsin Connecticut Russia
 6. Richard Lee settled in which colony? Massachusetts South Carolina Virginia
 7. In the Revolutionary War, Captain Noah Grant took part in the Battle of...
 Gettysburg the Bulge Bunker Hill
 8. What famous Lee served in the Revolutionary War? _____
 9. In 1799 Captain Noah Grant moved to ... Connecticut Minnesota Ohio
 10. "Light Horse Harry" Lee (Henry Lee) delivered the famous eulogy for George Washington at his funeral, coining the phrase, "First in _____, first in _____, first in the _____ of his countrymen."
 11. How was Ulysses S. Grant related to Captain Noah Grant? Ulysses was Noah's...
 son grandson father
 12. How was Robert E. Lee related to Light Horse Harry Lee? Robert was Harry's ...
 son grandson father
- *So, in review, the THREE Civil Wars referred to are: (1) the English Civil War, (2) the American Revolution, and (3) the American Civil War. The Grant and Lee families had strong connections to all three!*

Washington and Lee

13. George Washington and Robert E. Lee were born...
 in completely different states only a few miles from each other

Which of the following are true?

14. True False / Both Washington and Lee were sons of their father's second marriages.
15. True False / Both Washington and Lee were born in a log cabin in Kentucky.
16. True False / Both Washington and Lee lost their fathers when they were 11 years old.
17. True False / Both Washington and Lee were "only children," having no siblings.
18. True False / Both Washington and Lee were devoted sons to their mothers.
19. True False / Both Washington and Lee were descended from nobility in Europe.
20. True False / Both Washington and Lee were educated in elite schools

21. Robert E. Lee traced his descent on his father's side to...
 Joseph Stalin Lee who started the Russian Revolution
 Lancelot Lee who fought at the Battle of Hastings in 1066
22. On his mother's side, Lee traced his ancestry to
 Robert the Bruce of Scotland Wilbur the Grand of England Pepin the Short of the Franks

Lee at West Point

23. What had always been a clear career goal for Robert E. Lee? surveyor soldier financial analyst
24. Who helped Lee to get an appointment to West Point Academy?
 Aaron Rogers Rand Paul (Ron Paul's son) Nellie Custis (George Washington's granddaughter)
25. They asked for help from... Tanner Franklin General Andrew Jackson Thaddeus Stevens
26. How did Robert E. Lee respond to the rigid discipline standards? _____
27. How many demerits did Lee receive during his time at West Point? _____
28. When did he graduate from West Point? _____
29. What rank did he achieve in his class? 1st 2nd 10th 21st 39th 46th
30. What arm of service did Lee select?
 Artillery Corps Engineering Corps Medical Corps Infantry Corps
31. How was George Washington Parke Custis related to George Washington? _____
32. Where did George Washington Parke Custis live? Mount Vernon Monticello Arlington
33. Who did Robert E. Lee marry? _____
34. How was his wife related to George Washington? _____
35. What sort of marriage did they have? _____
36. Does it seem as though Lee was successful in his career? Was he progressing in ranks and being offered good positions? _____



The Boyhood of Grant

37. After the Revolutionary War, Captain Noah Grant moved to what city in Ohio? _____
38. In great irony, the fathers of what two famous men (*men who would later be greatly involved in the Civil War*) lived in this town at the same time? 1- _____ 2- _____
39. In what way were Jesse Grant and Owen Brown connected?
 They were brothers
 Jesse boarded with and worked for Owen
 Owen was Jesse's distant uncle
40. Was Ulysses Grant born into luxury or a humble life? Luxury Humble life
41. What was Grant's official name given to him at birth? _____
42. How did he get this name? _____
43. What word best describes Grant's childhood?
 coddled overindulged left to his own devices pressured to succeed
44. Relatively early in life, Grant showed an interest and skill with what type of animal? _____
45. What sort of education did Grant receive?
 self-educated elite school local "subscription" school
46. What sort of reputation did Grant have among his schoolmates? _____



47. Why did he become the most widely traveled boy in the village? _____
48. Who made the decision for Grant to apply for West Point?
 Grant himself Grant mentor and teacher Grant's mom Grant's dad
49. Did Grant have the same firm desire to be a soldier that Lee had always had? Yes No
50. Did the village expect Grant to be successful at West Point? Yes No

Grant at West Point

51. What mistake in his name had occurred in his enrollment at West Point? _____
52. Did this mistake stick with him the rest of his life or did he get it changed?
 stuck with him the rest of his life got it changed
53. What are some nicknames that came from his new name?

54. How did Grant respond to the rigid discipline of West Point? _____
55. How did he do academically at West Point? _____
56. Did he earn demerits at West Point? _____
57. What was Grant's class standing? 1st 2nd 10th 21st 39th 46th
58. How was Grant especially featured in his graduation ceremony from West Point?



59. To what sort of service was Grant assigned after graduation?
 Artillery Corps Engineering Corps Medical Corps Infantry Corps
60. How did he meet Miss Julia Dent? _____
61. What was Grant's long cherished plan for a career?
 Commander during a major war a quiet life as a professor at West Point
 Engineering Corps president of the United States
62. What war broke out that interrupted his plans?
 Revolutionary War English Civil War Mexican War



Mexican War

63. During the Mexican War, Lee served under...
 Abraham Lincoln General Winfield Scott General Grant
64. What did General Scott say about Lee?

65. During the Mexican War, Grant served as..
 Commander President Quartermaster Engineer
66. Grant won acclaim among his peers for what heroic action?

67. Both Lee and Grant participated in _____

After the Mexican War

68. Who did Grant marry? Mary Custis Julia Dent Varina Davis
69. Grant was stationed in Washington state, far from his family. What did Grant do to try to earn enough money to move his family to where he was stationed?
 He wrote an epic novel
 He became involved in several business ventures
 He started a newspaper

70. What happened? Was he able to afford to move his family closer to him? _____
71. What did he begin to do that negatively impacted his reputation?

72. What happened to his military career at Fort Humboldt?

73. Where did he move after leaving the military? Washington state Wisconsin Missouri
74. What did he do for work in Missouri? engineer soldier farmed father-in-law's land
75. Was he successful at this? _____
76. To support his family, what was he finally "reduced to"? _____ ☹️
77. In 1860, what did he do? _____
78. Who were his supervisors? _____

***Note: Grant moved to Galena, Illinois to work in the tannery business.*

Harper's Ferry: Prelude to War

79. Who did President James Buchanan send to stop John Brown at Harper's Ferry? _____
80. What was John Brown doing at Harper's Ferry?
 He had started the Ku Klux Klan and was planning to kill slaves and abolitionists
 He was planning to steal weapons, arms, slaves, and lead a revolt
 He was hosting a conference against slavery where the attendees got out of control
81. John Brown was already famous for...
 assassinating his own slaves in anger
 massacring proslavery advocates in "Bleeding Kansas"
 being nominated for President of the US in 1859
82. Brown took refuge in ...
 Lincoln's log cabin birthplace a fire engine house the library with the lead pipe
83. Who assisted Colonel Robert E. Lee in capturing Brown and his men? _____
84. What was Lee's opinion of Brown and his raid? _____
- ❖ What did William Cullen Bryant (the poet) think of Brown? _____
85. What was Ralph Waldo Emerson's opinion of Brown?

86. What did Herman Melville call Brown? _____



American Civil War Begins

87. What did Grant do after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter? _____
88. What happened at first when he volunteered? He was given command of the Union Army
 He was rejected
 He was given a larger salary than typical
89. After some assistance from an Illinois congressman, did he end up getting an appointment to military service at this time? Yes No

Lee at the Parting of the Ways

90. What was Lee's opinion of slavery? _____
91. What had Lee done with his own slaves? sold them freed them slaughtered them

92. What was he doing with his father-in-law Mr. Custis's slaves?
O sold them O freed them O slaughtered them

93. To Lee, what right seemed essential to the freedom of the people?

94. Did he believe that a state had the right to secede from the federal government? O Yes O No

95. What drove Virginia to the decision to secede?
O The Battle of Gettysburg
O Lincoln calling on states to furnish troops to fight against the South
O Lincoln's election

96. Who was President Lincoln's first choice to take command of the U.S. Army? _____

97. Did he accept this position? O Yes O No

❖ What illustrious hero of Lee's had previously been the Commander of the US Army? _____

❖ Put yourself in Lee's shoes. Do you personally think this decision was difficult for Lee?

98. How did this decision impact Lee's reputation with many people historically?

1. Lee was a traitor to the United States in the very same way that Washington was a traitor to
_____.

❖ What does that previous statement mean, do you think?

2. To whom did Lee write his resignation letter? _____

Read the letter and imagine how you would feel writing such a letter.

3. How long did people expect the civil war to last? _____

4. In Lee's letter to his wife, how long did HE expect the war to last? _____

5. He thinks the newspapers are full of... O Truthful Reporting O Bravado and Boasting

6. Lee's son Custis had graduated in what place in his class at West Point?
O 1st O 2nd O 10th O 21st O 39th O 46th

7. What advice did Lee have for his son Custis about what side to fight for?

8. What military position did Virginia offer to Lee? _____

