

Manassas National Battlefield Park Museum Scavenger Hunt Worksheet



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Name(s): _____

Directions: Look at the exhibits and panels in the museum to find the answers to the following questions. Be sure to read the entire exhibit. Each section is focused on a specific exhibit with the exhibit's title in *italics*. If you have any questions or can not find the answer, ask a teacher, the Ranger or a familiar adult for help.

In Harms Way

1. What do the letters on the Union cartridge box plate found at James Robinson's house say? What do these initials mean? **Hint:** Look for the oval brass plate and read all the text in the display.
2. Where did the uniform button found at the Robinson house come from?
3. After studying both the cartridge box plate and the button, where do you think the soldiers who fought here came from?

Witness To War

4. Where did Wilmer McLean, who lived near Manassas in 1861, move to after the First Battle of Manassas? **Hint:** Four years later the Civil War ended there when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered in McLean's parlor to Union General Ulysses S. Grant.
5. What artifact on display is the only thing left of McLean's Barn?

Caught in the Crossfire

6. Name at least four items that belonged to Judith Henry who lived at "Spring Hill" atop Henry Hill (where you are now).
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

A Soldier Dying Young

7. How did Charles Norris die? **Hint:** Look at his coat in the exhibit and read the text to learn what happened to the boy captain.
8. How old was Charles Norris when he was killed at the First Battle of Manassas?
9. Where did Charles Norris go to school before the Civil War?

Old Tactics, New Weapons

Read the panel and look at the four rifles and muskets to the panel's right. To identify the weapons, look below the rifles and muskets on the lighted display.

10. Why did Civil War Soldiers fight in tight lines?

11. What does rifling do to a bullet and why do you think this is important?

- 12a. Of the four rifles and muskets in the display, name one rifled-musket and one smoothbore musket.
Rifled-Musket: _____
Smoothboore-Musket: _____
- 12b. If you were a Civil War Soldier, which one would you want? Why?

Deceptive Colors, Deadly Confusion

13. How many different uniforms were worn during the First Battle of Manassas and what kind of problems did this cause?

Zouaves on Both Sides

Look at the gray uniform that belonged to Francis Brownell and read the lighted panel to the lower right of the uniform.

14. What state was this soldier from?

15. Was he a Union or Confederate soldier?

Relics of Battle

16. Name five of the relics found on the battlefield after the First Battle of Manassas.

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| 1. | 2. | 3. |
| 4. | 5. | |

Shot from the Saddle

17. What items can you see that belonged to Captain James Ricketts? Hint: There are three different artifacts which he wore here at the battle.

18. What items can you see that belonged to his wife Fanny?