Antietam: Waking the Fury

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The Battle of Antietam, fought on September 17, 1862, was a pivotal moment in the American Civil War. It was the bloodiest single-day battle in American history, with over 23,000 casualties. The battle ended in a tactical draw, but it had a profound impact on the course of the war.

The Prelude to Battle

In the summer of 1862, the Union army under General George B. McClellan was slowly advancing into Confederate territory. After a series of bloody battles, McClellan's army had finally reached the outskirts of the Confederate capital of Richmond. However, Confederate General Robert E. Lee was determined to stop McClellan's advance and protect the capital.



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On September 6, Lee's army crossed the Potomac River into Maryland. McClellan followed in pursuit, and the two armies clashed on September 17 near the town of Sharpsburg, Maryland.

The Battle

The Battle of Antietam began at dawn on September 17. The Confederates were outnumbered by the Union army, but they had the advantage of fighting on their own territory. The battle raged for hours, with both sides suffering heavy losses.

In the afternoon, the Union army finally managed to break through the Confederate lines. However, Lee's army was able to hold on long enough for reinforcements to arrive. The battle ended in a tactical draw, but the Union army had achieved a strategic victory.

The Aftermath of Battle

The Battle of Antietam was a turning point in the Civil War. It marked the end of the Confederate army's invasion of the North and it gave President Abraham Lincoln the confidence to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. The Emancipation Proclamation declared that all slaves in Confederateheld territory would be free.

The Battle of Antietam was also a turning point in the way that the Civil War was fought. After Antietam, the war became increasingly bloody and brutal. The war would continue for another two years, but the Battle of Antietam marked the beginning of the end for the Confederacy.

Personal Stories from the Battle

The Battle of Antietam was a personal tragedy for many families across the United States. Over 23,000 soldiers were killed or wounded in the battle.

One of the most poignant stories from the battle is that of Private James Edward Hanger. Hanger was a young man from Virginia who fought for the Confederate army. During the battle, Hanger was shot in the leg and his leg was amputated. Hanger went on to become a successful inventor and businessman. He invented the Hanger limb, which was the first artificial leg that allowed amputees to walk without crutches.

Hanger's story is just one of many from the Battle of Antietam. The battle was a tragedy for many families, but it also led to some of the most important developments in the history of the United States.

The Legacy of Antietam

The Battle of Antietam is still remembered today as one of the most important battles in American history. The battle was a turning point in the Civil War and it led to the Emancipation Proclamation. Antietam is also remembered for its tragic human cost. Over 23,000 soldiers were killed or wounded in the battle.

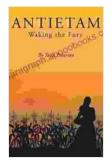
The Battle of Antietam is a reminder of the sacrifices that were made by so many during the Civil War. It is also a reminder of the importance of freedom and equality.

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[Author's Name]'s new book, Antietam: Waking the Fury, is a comprehensive history of the Battle of Antietam. The book draws on a wide range of sources, including eyewitness accounts, letters, and diaries.

Antietam: Waking the Fury brings the battle to life and provides a new perspective on this pivotal moment in American history.

Antietam: Waking the Fury is available now at all major bookstores.



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