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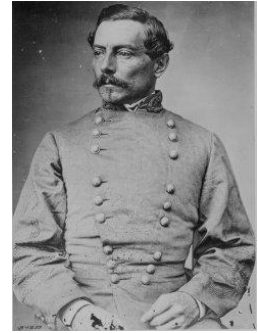
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P. G. T. Beauregard

GENERAL

MAY 28, 1818 – FEBRUARY 20, 1893



General P.G.T. Beauregard (National Archives)

Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard was a Louisiana-born Creole author, civil servant, politician, inventor, and first prominent general for the Confederacy. In 1834 Beauregard was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a popular cadet, earning several nicknames including “Little Napoleon” and “Little Creole” before finishing second in his class upon graduation in 1838. In 1841 he married Marie Antoinette Laure Villeré, the daughter of a Louisiana sugarcane planter. The two would have three children before her death in 1850. Ten years later Beauregard married his second wife, Caroline Deslonde, but she would die in New Orleans in 1864 following a long illness.

Beauregard was trained as a civil engineer at the United States Military Academy and served with distinction as an engineer in the Mexican-American War. Following an extremely brief tenure as the superintendent of the Military Academy in 1861, he became the first Confederate brigadier general and commanded the defenses of Charleston, South Carolina, for the start of the Civil War at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. He ordered the first firing on Fort Sumter. Three months later he was the victor at the First Battle of Bull Run along with the Louisiana Tigers troops from New Orleans..

Beauregard commanded armies in the Western Theater, including the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee, and the Siege of Corinth in Northern Mississippi. He returned to Charleston and defended it from repeated naval and land attacks in 1863. His arguably greatest achievement was saving the city of Petersburg, Virginia, and thus also the Confederate capital of Richmond, from assaults by overwhelmingly superior Union Army forces in the June of 1864.



However, his influence over Confederate strategy was marred by his poor relationships with Confederate President Jefferson Davis and other generals. In April 1865, Beauregard and his commander, General Joseph E. Johnston, convinced Davis and the remaining cabinet members that the war needed to end and the majority of the remaining confederate armies were surrendered to Sherman.

Following his career, Beauregard served as a Railroad Director and later was one of the few wealthy Confederate veterans because of his role in promoting the Louisiana Lottery. He died in 1893 at the age of 74 and is buried in New Orleans in the tomb of the Army of the Tennessee.

Name: _____

Date: _____

P. G. T. Beauregard

Graphic Organizer

Rank & Army

Hometown

Time Period

Major battles Fought

Job Before the War

Civilian Jobs

Military Commanders



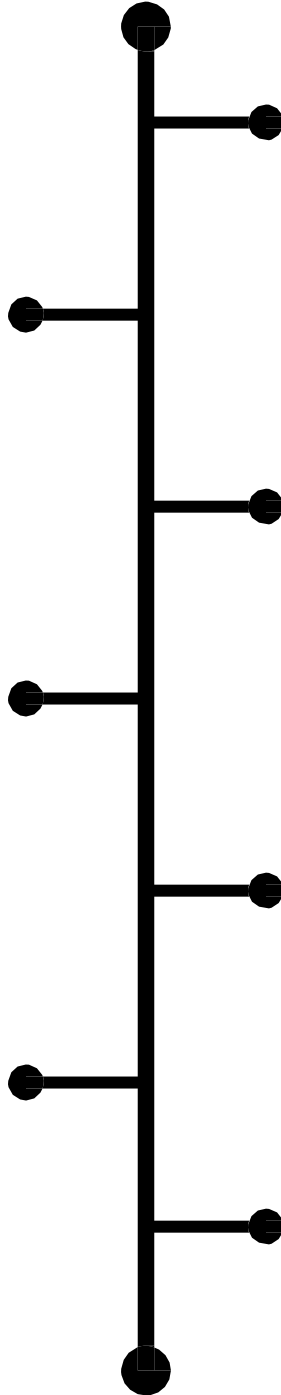
Major Achievements

Greatest Challenges

Name: _____

Date: _____

P.G.T. Beauregard
Sequence of Challenges



Name: _____ Date: _____

Multiple Choice Questions

Circle the correct answer.

1. During the Civil War Beauregard was
 - a. A soldier
 - b. A military officer
 - c. A courier
 - d. A doctor

2. Besides his military career Beauregard was
 - a. A lawyer
 - b. A cotton farmer
 - c. Civil engineer
 - d. House painter

3. Beauregard became a famous general first
 - a. War of 1812
 - b. Ordering the firing on Fort Sumter
 - c. Mexican-American War
 - d. Battle of Shiloh

4. After the war Beauregard became wealthy by promoting
 - a. A book on his service
 - b. The Louisiana Lottery
 - c. The Army of the Tennessee
 - d. Other candidates for office

5. During the war his great achievement was
 - a. Saving the city of Richmond
 - b. Capturing the city of Washington
 - c. Saving the city of Petersburg
 - d. Capturing the city of Charleston

6. Beauregard's highest rank during the war was
 - a. General
 - b. Brigade General
 - c. Commander of Army of the Tennessee
 - d. Commander of Army of the Virginia

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Short Answer Questions

1. Why do you think Beauregard used his initials instead of his given first names?
2. Who was Beauregard's first wife and might she have been related to in Louisiana history?
3. Do some research and write a short essay about Beauregard and the Battle of Bull Run.
4. Why did Beauregard have a "falling out" with President Davis and other generals in 1865?
5. How many children did Beauregard have and with which wife?
6. Why is Beauregard buried in the Army of the Tennessee tomb and not in a Louisiana tomb?
7. What part of Beauregard's life would you like to learn more about? Explain your answer.

Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. b.
2. c.
3. b.
4. b.
5. c.
6. b.

Short Answer

1. Individual response
2. He was married to Marie Antoinette Laure Villeré and she might be related to the second governor of Louisiana.
3. Individual response
4. Saying that the " war needed to end" did not make him very popular in the south in 1865.
5. Beauregard and Marie Antoinette Laure Villeré had three children
6. As commander of the Army of Tennessee he was buried with them as a memorial to them.
7. Individual response

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