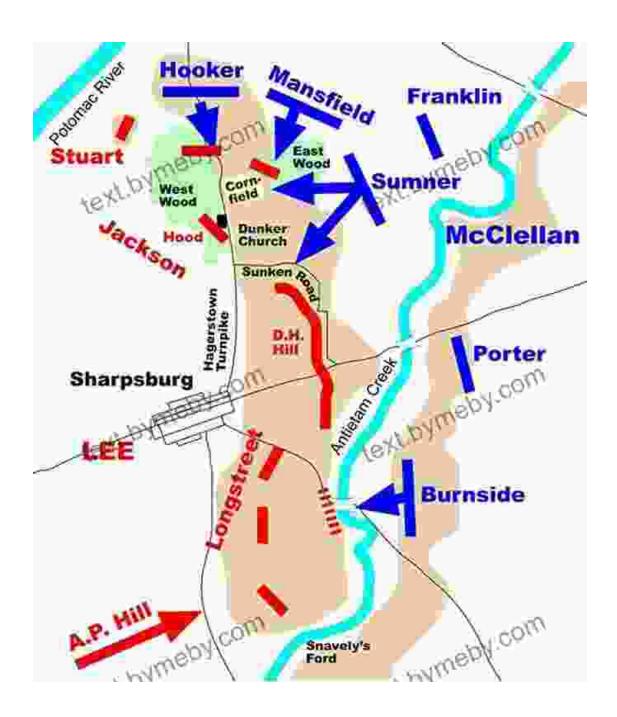
# Landscape Turned Red: The Battle of Antietam



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The Battle of Antietam was one of the bloodiest battles of the American Civil War. Fought on September 17, 1862, near Sharpsburg, Maryland, the battle resulted in over 23,000 casualties. In this gripping and meticulously researched account, historian James M. McPherson tells the story of the battle, from its planning and execution to its aftermath.

McPherson draws on a wealth of primary sources, including letters, diaries, and official reports, to provide a vivid and detailed account of the battle. He also offers fresh insights into the strategies and decisions of the opposing commanders, Robert E. Lee and George B. McClellan.

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#### The Battle

The Battle of Antietam began on the morning of September 17, 1862, when Union forces under General George B. McClellan attacked Confederate forces under General Robert E. Lee. The battle was fought over a series of ridges and fields near the town of Sharpsburg, Maryland. The fighting was

intense and bloody, and by the end of the day, both sides had suffered heavy losses.

The battle was a tactical draw, but it had a significant impact on the course of the war. The Union victory at Antietam gave President Abraham Lincoln the confidence to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that all slaves in Confederate-held territory would be free. The proclamation was a major turning point in the war, and it helped to galvanize support for the Union cause.

#### **The Commanders**

The Battle of Antietam was fought between two of the most famous generals of the American Civil War: Robert E. Lee and George B. McClellan. Lee was a brilliant strategist and tactician, and he had won a series of victories in the early years of the war. McClellan was a more cautious general, and he had a tendency to overestimate the strength of the enemy. Despite his caution, McClellan was a skilled organizer, and he was able to field a large and well-equipped army.

The two generals had very different personalities and styles of leadership. Lee was a charismatic and inspiring leader, while McClellan was more aloof and reserved. Despite their differences, both generals were respected by their troops, and they both played a major role in the outcome of the Battle of Antietam.

#### The Aftermath

The Battle of Antietam was a turning point in the American Civil War. The Union victory gave President Lincoln the confidence to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, and it helped to galvanize support for the

Union cause. The battle also marked the end of Lee's invasion of the North, and it gave the Union the initiative in the war.

The Battle of Antietam was a bloody and costly victory for the Union. But it was a victory that helped to save the Union and to end slavery in the United States.

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