

QUIZ

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1. James's father, Jordi, was a Spanish merchant sea captain who settled in America at the beginning of the Revolution, and served in the Continental Navy. James, born in 1801, was eight when his mother died. Jordi, who had changed his name to George, arranged for James to live with a naval officer whose father he had served with in the Revolution. Beginning as a midshipman at age nine, James embarked on a 60-year U.S. Navy career that included several notable victories during the Civil War. Like his father, he changed his first name along the way. Who was he?
2. During his West Point years, this Confederate general with a receding chin, was nicknamed "Beauty" by his classmates, which they described as his "personal comeliness in inverse ratio to the term employed." He quickly grew a beard after graduation.
3. During the siege of Chattanooga, on Oct. 13, 1863, the soldiers of the 9th O.V.I. voted unanimously for the Union Party candidate for Governor of Ohio against his opponent, the Peace Democrat, Clement Vallandigham. Who was the Union Party candidate and ultimate winner of the race?
4. Robert L. McCook, a Cincinnati lawyer who became commander of the 9th O.V.I., had studied law in the Steubenville, Ohio, office of his older brother George Wythe McCook. Who was George's law partner at the time?
5. On this date in 1864 the Radical Republican candidate for president withdrew from the race in favor of Lincoln, fearing a Democratic victory would mean recognition of the Confederacy or at least a reestablishment of slavery. Who was he?
6. During the Battle of Chickamauga, this officer sent a telegram to Rosecrans, then in Chattanooga, which contained the phrase, "Thomas standing like a rock," giving George H. Thomas the sobriquet he carried into history.
7. The Battle of Chaplin Hills is better known as the Battle of _____.
8. Addressing the assembled students in March of 1861, the major said, "Military men make short speeches, and as for myself I am no hand at speaking anyhow. The time for war has not yet come, but it will come, and that soon; and when it does come, my advice is to draw the sword and throw away the scabbard." Who was the speaker?

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1. Admiral David Glasgow Farragut
2. Major General James Ewell Brown ("Jeb") Stuart, C.S.A.
3. John Brough
4. Edwin McMasters Stanton
5. John Charles Fremont
6. Brigadier General James Abram Garfield
7. Perryville
8. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson