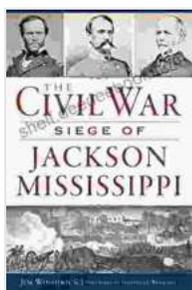


# The Civil War Siege of Jackson, Mississippi: A Turning Point in the American Civil War

The Siege of Jackson, Mississippi was a pivotal battle in the American Civil War. Fought from May 14 to July 9, 1863, the siege resulted in the capture of the city by Union forces under the command of General Ulysses S. Grant. The victory was a major turning point in the war, as it gave the Union control of the Mississippi River and split the Confederacy in two.



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## Background

The Siege of Jackson was part of Grant's Vicksburg Campaign, which began in April 1863. Grant's goal was to capture Vicksburg, Mississippi, which was a major Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River. To do

this, Grant needed to first capture Jackson, which was the capital of Mississippi and a major supply depot for the Confederate army.

## **The Siege**

Grant's army arrived at Jackson on May 14, 1863. The city was defended by a Confederate force of about 10,000 men under the command of General Joseph E. Johnston. Johnston had constructed a series of fortifications around the city, and he was determined to hold out against Grant's forces.

Grant began his siege by shelling the city with artillery. He also sent troops to cut off the city's supply lines. Johnston's men fought back fiercely, but they were outnumbered and outgunned. On July 9, 1863, Johnston evacuated Jackson and retreated to the east.

## **Aftermath**

The capture of Jackson was a major victory for the Union. It gave Grant control of the Mississippi River and split the Confederacy in two. The victory also boosted the morale of the Union army and helped to convince the Confederate government that the war was lost.

The Siege of Jackson was a turning point in the American Civil War. It was one of the most important victories of the war, and it helped to pave the way for the Union's eventual victory.

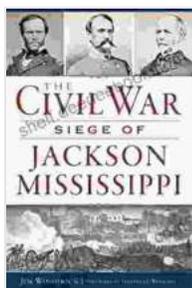
## **Legacy**

The Siege of Jackson is still remembered today as one of the most important battles of the American Civil War. The city of Jackson has a

number of memorials to the battle, including the Mississippi Civil War Museum and the Jackson Battlefield Park.

The Siege of Jackson is also a popular subject for historical fiction. Several novels and movies have been made about the battle, including the 1960 film "The Siege of Jackson" and the 2003 novel "The Siege of Jackson: A Novel of the American Civil War" by Marc Cameron.

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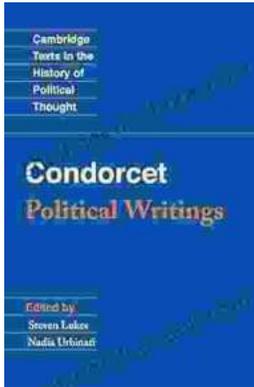
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