

## **Gettysburg Virtual Tour Questions**

### **Gettysburg Seminary and Nearby Area**

1. Why was the Gettysburg Seminary a key location in the battle?
2. How did the ridges to the west of Gettysburg allow the Union forces to hold off a much larger Confederate army for much of the first day of the battle?
3. Why did the Union forces retreat to Cemetery Hill?

### **The Wheatfield and Peach Orchard**

1. Having higher ground is usually an advantage in battle. Why was it a mistake for General Sickles to move his men from Cemetery Ridge to the slightly higher ground in the wheatfield and peach orchard?
2. How might the battle have been different if General Sickles had followed his original orders to station his men on Cemetery Ridge?

### **Little Round Top**

1. Why was Little Round Top so important to the Union army?
2. What did the Confederates hope to achieve with their attacks on Little Round Top?

### **Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill**

1. What advantages did the Union have in the fight on Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill?
2. How was the steepness of Cemetery Hill both an advantage and a disadvantage for the Union?
3. How might the battle have been different if the Confederates had started their attack earlier in the day?

### **Cemetery Ridge and Pickett's Charge**

1. How did the open fields affect the Confederate attack?
2. Look at the first panorama. What thoughts might have gone through the mind of a Confederate soldier as he started across the field?
3. How did the Union forces take advantage of their position?