

Antietam Battlefield

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Vocabulary

Cannonading: heavy fire of artillery (cannons).

Casualty: soldier who has been killed, wounded, captured, or declared missing in battle.

Civilian: person who is not a soldier.

Confederate: Southern soldier during the American Civil War.

Dunker: member of the German Baptist Brethren Christian denomination who practice full immersion in water during baptism. They are pacifists (opposed to war, violence and military service).

Emancipation Proclamation: The document the President Lincoln issued on January 1, 1862 to end slavery in areas in rebellion against the Union. (Enslaved persons in Border States like Maryland were not freed by the Emancipation Proclamation).

Epitaph: Text or writing to honor the deceased person.

Manumission: setting free from slavery.

Stereoscope: an optical instrument that uses two images of an object to produce a single image of the object.

Re-inter: To re-bury something.

Union: Federal or northern side during the American Civil War.