

Study questions for Shelby Foote's *The Beleaguered City: The Vicksburg Campaign*.

Answers are due on **Thursday, June 1.**

Chapter One

1. Grant was fighting two wars against whom?
2. How old was Grant at the beginning of the campaign? Sherman?
3. Who commanded the US river squadron above Vicksburg?
4. Which Confederate cavalry officer did Grant dread?
5. Who led the cavalry raid that was simultaneous with Forrest's?
6. What great supply depot was the objective of Van Dorn's raid?
7. On December 12, 1862, a mine sank which Union ironclad?
8. On what date did Sherman and McClernand give up the Yazoo River expedition and withdraw to Milliken's Bend?

Chapter Two

1. Who did McClernand blame for the failure of the Yazoo River expedition?
2. On January 11, 1863, Union forces captured which Confederate fort on the Arkansas River?
3. What Confederate stronghold was 240 miles south of Vicksburg?
4. Where and when did Grant reunite with McClernand, Sherman, and Porter?
5. Who said, "Two commanders on the same field are always one too many"?
6. The main problem for Grant was to get his army to which side of the Mississippi River?
7. What was the third of Grant's seven failed "experiments" to capture Vicksburg?
8. Who finished first in the Class of 1853 at West Point?
9. The *Queen of the West* helped to sink what Union ironclad?
10. Which of Grant's subordinates drew the assignment of leading the Steele Bayou expedition?
11. What did Porter fortify when his gunboat became trapped in the Rolling Fork River?
12. Why were there boxes of sawdust on the decks of Union gunboats?
13. How many of Farragut's seven ships made it north past Port Hudson?
14. In early 1863, who said, "I think Grant has hardly a friend left, except myself"?

Chapter 3

1. According to the map on page 114, where did Grant's overland march end?
2. What was the navy's role in Grant's plan?
3. Which of Grant's corps commanders initially supported his plan?
4. On what date did Porter's boats make the run past Vicksburg?
5. How many of Porter's boats were lost in the run?

6. Where did Grant initially hope to land troops on the east side of the Mississippi?
7. To keep Confederate troops from opposing Grant's river crossing, Sherman led a feint against what location?
8. Who was to lead the US cavalry raid through Mississippi?
9. How many miles in how many days did his raid cover?
10. Where on the east side of the Mississippi River did Grant finally land his army?

Chapter 4

1. To whom, besides Johnston, did Vicksburg commander Pemberton appeal for assistance?
2. Who commanded the 5500 Confederates that met Grant's army advancing from Bruinsburg?
3. Behind what waterway did Bowen retire after battling Union forces?
4. Instead of moving to meet Grant, General Banks intended to "clear out the Rebels around" what Louisiana town?
5. David denied Pemberton's request to have Confederate forces abandon which river stronghold south of Vicksburg?
6. From where did Grant plan to get much of his supplies?
7. Instead of advancing directly against Vicksburg, Grant first moved to capture what major Mississippi city?
8. Grant ordered which two corps commanders to converge their men on Jackson?
9. On what date did Grant's army capture Jackson?
10. Did Secretary of War Stanton's message of 5 May support or limit Grant's authority?

Chapter 5

1. Pemberton, unsure what course to follow, for the first time in thirty years of service, did what?
2. Where, near the rain-swollen Baker's Creek, did Pemberton choose to give Grant battle?
3. Which general failed to reinforce the Confederate left in time to stop it from giving way at 4:00?
4. Where did Pemberton next stop to fight Grant?
5. True or False: In Joseph E. Johnston's note of May 17, he ordered Pemberton to hold out at all costs.
6. How many battles did Grants' army win in twenty days after crossing the Mississippi River?
7. On what date did Grant launch his first assault on Vicksburg?
8. On what date did Grant launch his second assault on Vicksburg?
9. What group of Texans counterattacked against McClernand in the South?
10. After the failure of the second assault, Grant believed Vicksburg could only be taken how?
11. Was Grant satisfied with Porter and the U.S. Navy?

Chapter 6

1. Which major Louisiana cities did Banks's men have to garrison?

2. On what date did Banks's men occupy Opelousas?
3. What was unique about the Louisiana Native Guards?
4. Who was the better dresser, Grant or Banks?
5. On what date did Banks launch an all-out assault on Port Hudson?
6. Who was the Confederate commander at Port Hudson?
7. How many federal troops fell in the May 27 attack on Port Hudson?
8. How many federal troops did Banks lose in the first four weeks of the siege?

Chapter 7

1. Richard Taylor's Confederates were ordered to move against Grant rather than attempt to capture which city?
2. Why did Grant deploy his 71,000 men in two lines?
3. In respect to age, how would you characterize Grant's commanders?
4. How many stages are there in a formal siege?
5. For whom was Vicksburg named?
6. What was the "new enemy" faced by the people of Vicksburg?
7. Joseph E. Johnston's message dated May 29 read, in part, "I am _____."
8. Why was McClellan finally relieved of command?
9. On June 25, how (or with what) did U.S. troops attack the Confederate positions?
10. On what date did Johnston finally move his army toward the Big Black River and Vicksburg?
11. On what date did Union guns stop firing?

Chapter 8 (Read only pp. 314-332.)

1. Who was the Confederate officer, a pre-war friend of Grant, who tried to meet with Grant?
2. Did Grant and Pemberton reach an agreement at their afternoon meeting?
3. How many Confederates were captured at Vicksburg?
4. On what date did Port Hudson surrender?
5. On what date did the *Imperial* arrive in New Orleans?