• McClellan met a confederate army with General Joseph E. Johnston as commander but he got injured and Robert E. Lee took his place.
• Lee’s determination and unorthodox tactics made McClellan back away from Richmond and down the peninsula to the sea.

Antietam
• Lee was plotting to move against the enemy capital.
• After they won the Second battle of Bull Run, The Confederacy crossed the Potomac into Maryland (a union state).
• At this point a Union Corporal came across a copy of Lee’s army orders that revealed his and Stonewall Jackson’s armies were separate for the moment.
• McClellan ordered his troops toward Lee and they fought beside a creek called Antietam.
  - The bloodiest single day battle in American history.
• Instead of pursuing the Confederate army McClellan did nothing but the Confederates retreated to Virginia the next day anyway.
  - Because of this McClellan was fired.
NOTES
Prelude to Gettysburg
• The South defeated the North at Chancellorsville, Virginia
  o Lee outmaneuvered the Union general Joseph Hooker and forced them to retreat
• Stonewall Jackson was mistaken for a Union soldier and was shot by confederates in the left arm
  o He then caught pneumonia and died. This was a great loss for the confederacy
• Lee needed supplies and he thought an invasion would force Lincoln to pull troops away from Vicksburg
  o He also thought a victory in the North might tip the political balance of power in the Union to pro-Southern Democrats
• bc of this he crossed the Potomac into Maryland and then pushed into Pennsylvania

Gettysburg
• Confederate soldiers led by A.P. Hill heard there was a supply of footwear in Gettysburg so they went to find it and also to meet up with General Lee
• On their way, they ran into Union cavalry led by John Buford
• Buford ordered his men to take defensive positions and then shooting broke out and each side sent for reinforcements
• The northern armies, under control of General George Meade, fell back under a rebel assault and the Confederates took control of the town
• Lee knew the battle could not be won unless the Northerners were forced to yield their positions on cemetery Ridge

The Second Day
• Lee ordered general James Longstreet to attack Cemetery Ridge
• The Rebels overran the Union troops who mistakenly left little Round top
  o A hill that overlooked the battlefield