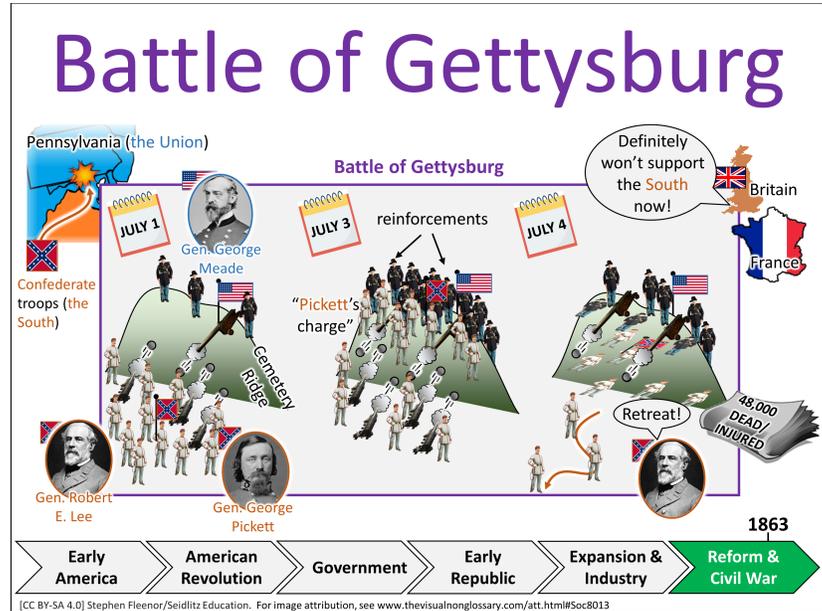


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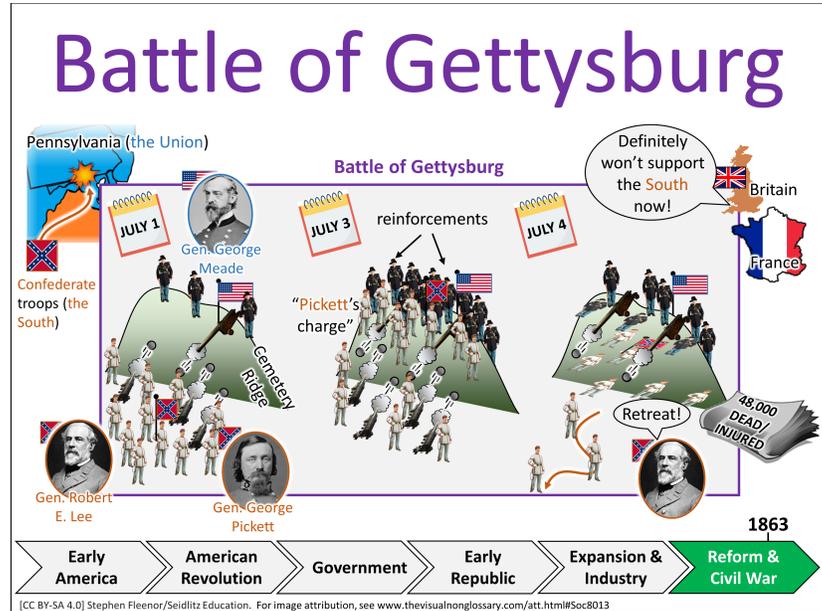
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The Battle of Gettysburg began on July 1, 1863, in Pennsylvania. For three days, Union and Confederate forces fought in and around the small town. The Union army, led by General George Meade, eventually repelled the Confederate forces, marking a major turning point in the war. The battle ended with over 50,000 soldiers killed, wounded, or missing, making it the deadliest battle of the Civil War.

The Union victory at Gettysburg halted Robert Lee's advance into the North and boosted Union morale. It shifted the momentum of the war in favor of the Union and led to their eventual victory in May of 1865. A few months after the battle, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, a speech that honored the fallen

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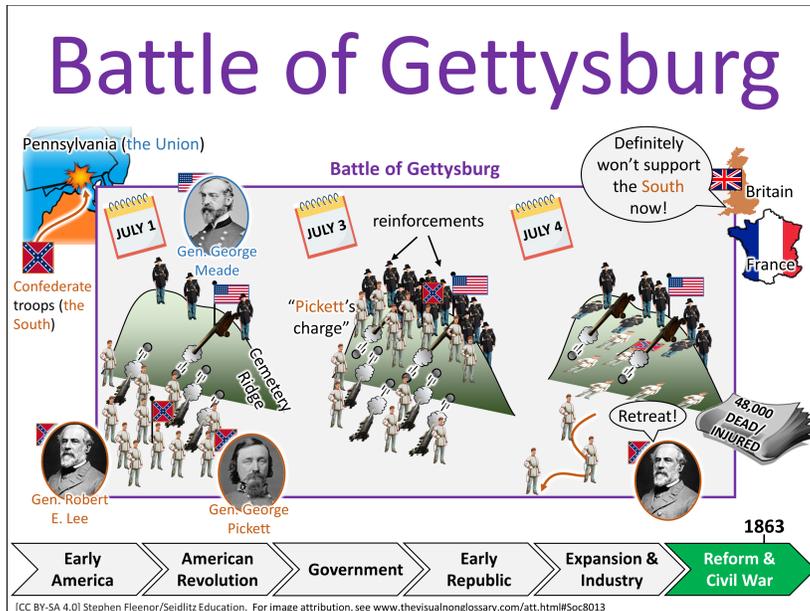


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The Battle of Gettysburg began on July 1, 1863. For three brutal days, the Union army under General George Meade held off repeated Confederate attacks. Ultimately, Lee was forced to retreat, and the Union secured a much-needed victory. The battle was the deadliest of the war, with over 50,000 casualties.

The Union's success at Gettysburg was a turning point. It halted the Confederate advance and boosted Northern morale. A few months following the battle, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, honoring the fallen and reinforcing the ideals of liberty and equality for all.