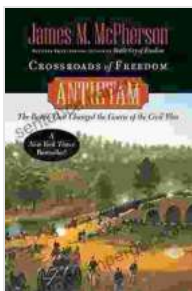


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The Battle of Antietam was the culmination of a series of events that began in the spring of 1862. After the Union victory at the Battle of Shiloh, General

Ulysses S. Grant began a campaign to capture the Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Confederate General Robert E. Lee responded by sending his army north to invade Maryland.

Lee's invasion of Maryland was a gamble. He hoped to win a decisive victory that would force the Union to negotiate a peace treaty. However, the Union army was able to stop Lee's advance at the Battle of Antietam.

The Battle of Antietam

The Battle of Antietam was fought on September 17, 1862, near the town of Antietam, Maryland. The Union army was commanded by General George B. McClellan, while the Confederate army was commanded by General Robert E. Lee.

The battle began at dawn with a Confederate attack on the Union left flank. The Confederates were initially successful, but the Union army was able to rally and hold its ground. The fighting continued throughout the day, with both sides suffering heavy losses.

By the end of the day, the battle had ended in a tactical draw. However, the Union army had achieved a strategic victory. Lee's invasion of Maryland had been stopped, and the Union army had gained the initiative in the war.

The Aftermath of the Battle

The Battle of Antietam had a profound impact on the course of the Civil War. The Union victory boosted morale and gave the Union army the confidence to continue fighting. The battle also led to the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves in Confederate-held territory.

The Battle of Antietam remains one of the most important battles in American history. It was a turning point in the Civil War, and it had a lasting impact on the course of American history.

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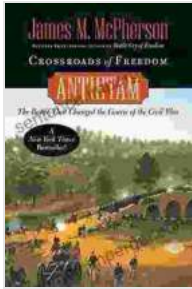
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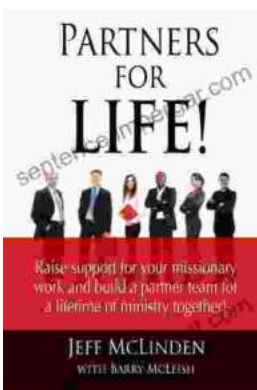


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