

Tracing the Civil War
The American Civil War along the Natchez Trace: Mississippi



Student Activity 1: Read about the Battle of Tupelo

Directions: Read the *Summary of the Battle of Tupelo (July 14-15, 1864)* and answer the following questions.

1. How was General Sherman's overall strategy being affected by Confederate forces in Mississippi?
2. What did Sherman hope General Smith would accomplish when he marched into Mississippi?
3. What are some of the advantages that the Union forces had over the Confederates at the battle? What kind of disadvantages did the Union forces have?
4. Why do you think the Confederates lost so many more men than the Union at the Battle of Tupelo?
5. Do you agree that this battle was a Union victory? Why or why not?