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The Battle of Antietam

Directions: Use the article "The Battle of Antietam" to answer the following questions. Unless a blank is given for an answer, the answers must be written in complete sentences.

1. On what date was the battle of Antietam fought? _____
2. Why was it an advantage for Lee to have the Hagerstown Pike running behind the Confederate lines?
3. What was the Union's basic plan? Why would it have been such a big deal to defeat the Confederates here?
4. When casualty figures are given, what do they include?

5. What was the casualty rate of the 1st Texas Regiment after they fought in the Cornfield? _____

6. Why do you think it would be important for a military leader to know how many and where the enemies reinforcements are?

7. Why was the fighting in the West Woods called the "West Woods Massacre?"

8. Why were the Confederates able to kill so many Union soldiers on Hog Trough Road (Bloody Lane)?

9. What mistake did Burnside make after he and his troops crossed Antietam Creek?
What was the result of his error?

10. How many soldiers died during the battle? _____