



# Civil War Generals

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the passages. Complete the organizer.

1. Robert E. Lee was from an aristocratic Virginia family that included many famous politicians and military figures. He saw himself as the next generation of his family's greatness, and at the age of 18 he went eagerly to West Point Military Academy, where he finished without any demerits. He earned perfect scores in artillery, infantry and cavalry. Ulysses S. Grant, however, was born to a family of modest means. His father was a tanner, a profession that young Grant wanted nothing to do with. He, too, went to West Point, a situation arranged by his father. Unlike Lee, though, Grant didn't do well at West Point. His grades were average, and he received several demerits for slovenly dress and tardiness

2. Before taking command of the Confederate troops during the Civil War, again and again Lee distinguished himself on the battlefield. When the U.S. went to war with Mexico in 1846, Lee was cited for bravery in battle and his brilliant tactics. When the war was over, Lee was considered a hero. Lee's next military action was to suppress the slave insurrection led by John Brown at Harper's Ferry.

	<b>Text Structure</b>	<b>How Do You Know?</b>
<b>Paragraph # 1</b>		
<b>Paragraph #2</b>		