

Technology & the American Civil War Questions

1. What are the three technological advances this article is talking about?
2. Before the rifled musket, what was the best way for success on the battlefield?
3. What kind of effective range did the smoothbore muskets have? Compare that to the effective range of the civil war rifle
4. What were some of the adverse effects that the rifled musket had on Napoleonic tactics?
5. Because of the newly increased infantry power what key ideological shift took place? Explain
6. Who did the tactical advantage lay with? Why?
7. What effects did the technological advances of the rifled musket have on the civil war?
8. Before the Civil War how did the army transmit messages?
9. How far could you transmit these messages?
10. What did the War Department do at the beginning of the Civil War?
11. In 1862, what did the Union Army do?
12. In what ways did Lincoln use the telegraph?
13. How did the Union Generals use the telegraph?
14. Before 1830 how were troops transported?

15. How many troops was Sherman able to use in his offensive? How was that different from the pre-railroad era?

16. What were other affects of railroad use?

17. What specific action did Congress give to Lincoln?

18. Which technological advancement do you feel was the most important advancement during the Civil War? Why? (Explain in 3-5 sentences)