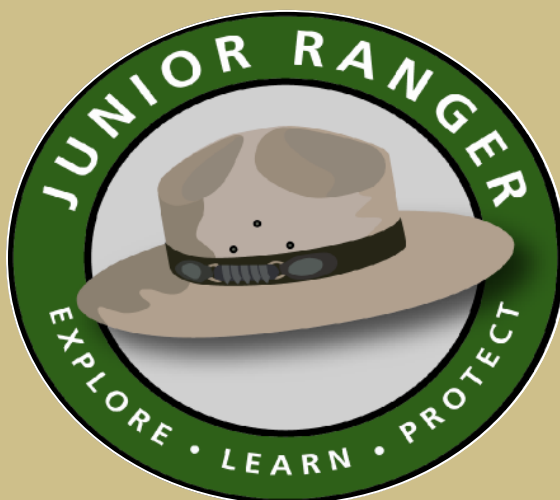


Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park



Junior Ranger Activity Book #3 The Wilderness



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Check off the activities as you finish them:

Section 1 ~ Ellwood

- ☐ Quiz
- ☐ Scavenger Hunt
- ☐ Hospital Room
- ☐ The Enslaved
- ☐ Grounds & Cemetery

Section 2 ~ Battlefield

- ☐ Exhibit Shelter
- ☐ Saunders Field
- ☐ Tapp Field
- ☐ Dark Close Wood

Thanks for choosing to become a Junior Ranger!

After completing the required activities, you can become a Junior Ranger and earn a Junior Ranger patch!

How to become a Junior Ranger:

Step 1: If Ellwood is OPEN today, go to the next page.
If Ellwood is CLOSED, go to page 6 and begin with Section 2.

Step 2: Complete all the required activities.

Step 3: When you are finished, bring this book to a Visitor Center, or the Wilderness Battlefield Exhibit Shelter, or to Ellwood and have a Park Ranger or volunteer check your work.

Step 4: Receive your Junior Ranger patch!
Congratulations!



Helpful Hints:

Go on a guided tour - you can get lots of answers!

If you have questions, ask a Park Ranger or volunteer.

There are also Junior Ranger programs at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Spotsylvania!

Junior Rangers know it is important to preserve the battlefields for people today and in the future. You can help us take care of this important place by promising to:

Stay on trails and only cross earthworks by using bridges.

Be a good example and act in a safe and courteous manner.

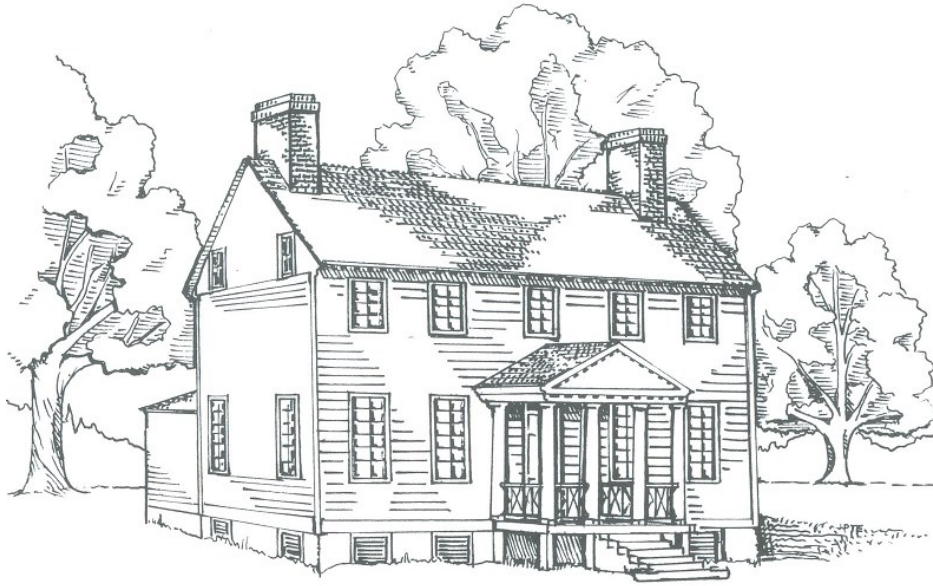
Honor the memory of the men who fought here by treating the battlefields with respect and **not** playing ball, flying kites, or riding skateboards in the park.

Enjoy the park and leave it in a better condition than you found it.

Enjoy learning about Civil War history and share what you have learned with others.



Ellwood



If Ellwood Manor is open (usually April through October), it should be the first place you visit to complete the Junior Ranger booklet. The guides, signs and exhibits at Ellwood will provide answers to the questions below.

1. Which famous Frenchman visited Ellwood in 1825? _____
2. How old was Betty Jones when she inherited Ellwood from her father? _____
3. Betty married a man named James Horace _____.
4. The Lacys also owned Chatham Manor in Fredericksburg.. **True or False**
5. The Lacy family moved out of Ellwood during the Civil War. **True or False**
6. The Battle of Chancellorsville was fought near Ellwood in the year _____.
7. The Battle of the Wilderness was fought near Ellwood in the year _____.
8. The _____ army used Ellwood as a hospital during the Battle of Chancellorsville.
8. The _____ army used Ellwood as a headquarters during the Battle of the Wilderness.
10. Ellwood is the only original house still standing on the Wilderness battlefield. **True or False**



Now *you* think of a question about Ellwood and ask the guide!

Scavenger Hunt

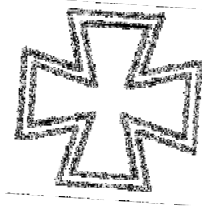


Find the following items inside Ellwood (if you need help, ask a guide)

A log with cannonballs in it

A pink flag

Permelia



J.H.L.'s fork

**General Warren's
binoculars**

Ask a guide to see the Discovery Box and look inside for the haversack.

List some of the things a soldier would carry in his haversack.

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| 1. | 5. |
| 2. | 6. |
| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |

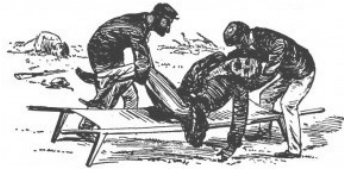
If you were a soldier, what else would you take with you?

Draw the item that would be most important to you.

Why do you feel this item is important?



Hospital



Go to the room in Ellwood set up like a hospital and answer the questions below.

Do you think Ellwood was built to be used as a hospital?

Why do you think it was used as a hospital?

Do you think it was crowded? Why?

Do you think there were enough doctors? Why?



How do you think the owners of Ellwood felt when their house was used as a hospital?

How long do you think Ellwood was used as a hospital?



The Enslaved



The plantation at Ellwood had enslaved people who worked for the owners. Enslaved men, women, and children were considered property and received no pay. Look for the signs in and around Ellwood that tell about slavery.

Write three things that enslaved people did at Ellwood:

Write three words that you think describe slavery:

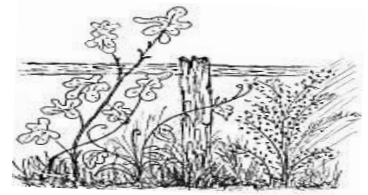


Many enslaved people escaped during the Civil War. The rest became free when the war ended. As a result, former slave owners like the Lacys at Ellwood had to pay workers and sometimes even do the work themselves!

How do you think previously enslaved people benefited from this change?



Grounds and Cemetery



Walk around the grounds of Ellwood and read the signs to answer the questions below:

1. Name three crops that were grown in the fields around Ellwood.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

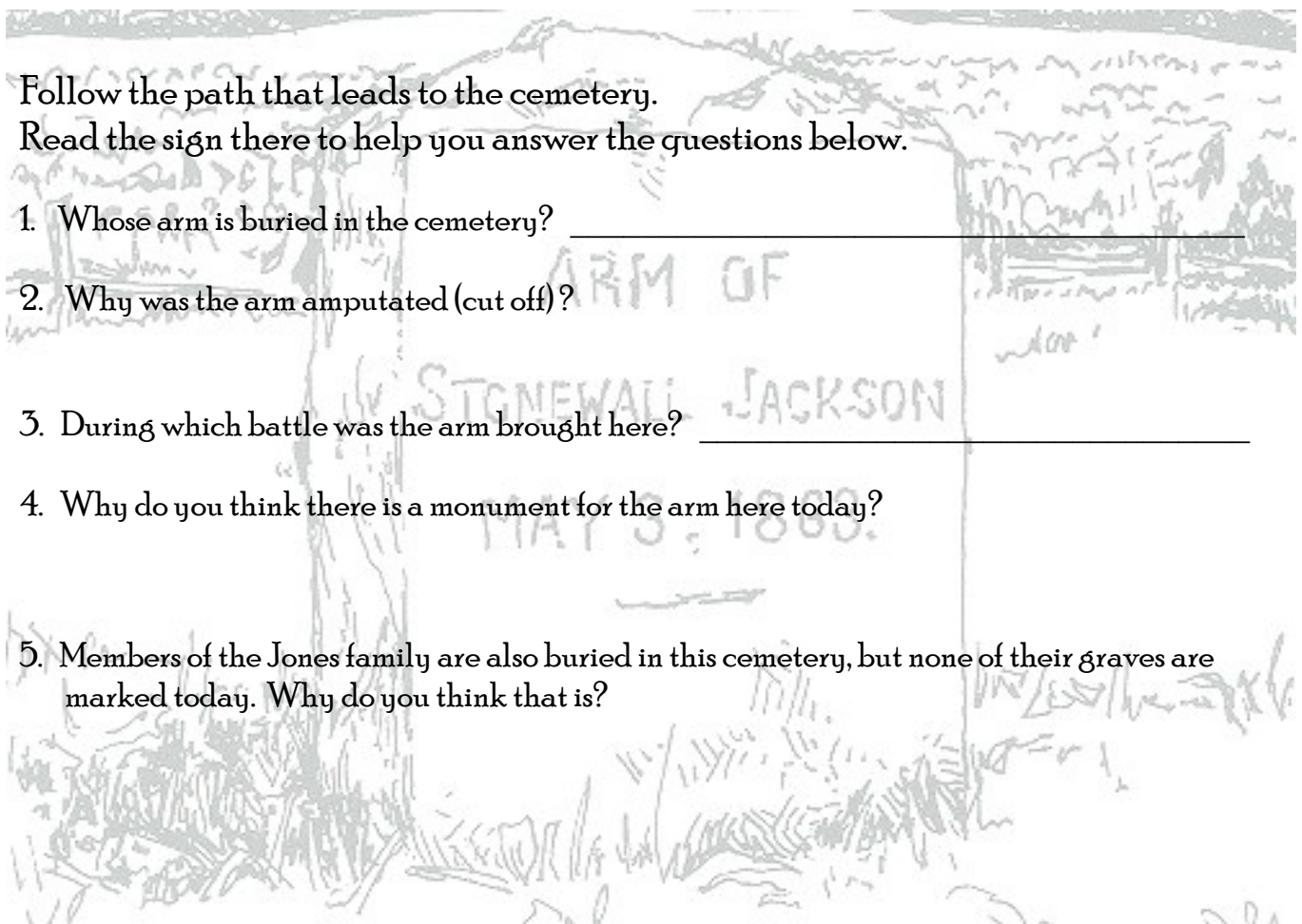
2. Ellwood was used as headquarters by General _____ during the Battle of the Wilderness.

3. Name four things that would have been found at Ellwood when it was used as a headquarters.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

4. Look for the flag on the porch of Ellwood. This flag marked the location of General Warren's headquarters. Why do you think it was important for generals to have their own special flags?



Follow the path that leads to the cemetery.

Read the sign there to help you answer the questions below.

1. Whose arm is buried in the cemetery? _____

2. Why was the arm amputated (cut off)? _____

3. During which battle was the arm brought here? _____

4. Why do you think there is a monument for the arm here today? _____

5. Members of the Jones family are also buried in this cemetery, but none of their graves are marked today. Why do you think that is?

Section 2 - Wilderness Battlefield

Go to the Exhibit Shelter at Stop #2.

Read the panels and answer the questions below.

Who was put in command of
all the Union armies in 1864? _____

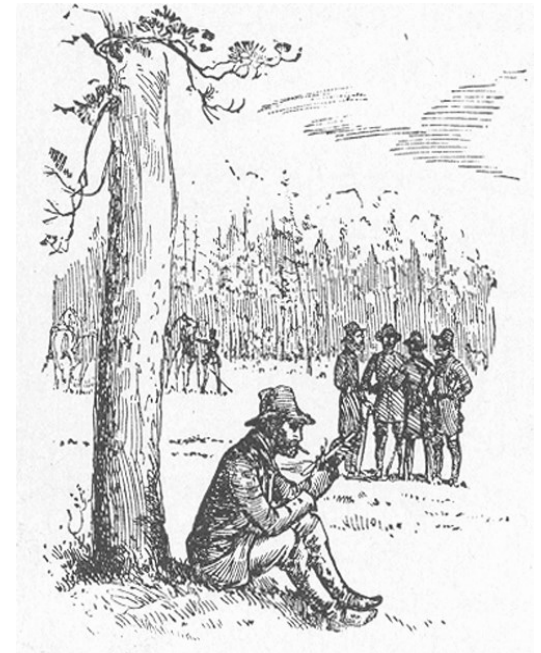
How many soldiers did the
Union army have at this battle? _____

How many soldiers did the
Confederate army have at this battle? _____

What days were the Battle of the Wilderness fought?

May ___ & ___, 186 ___

Why do you think General Grant was whittling? ➡➡➡

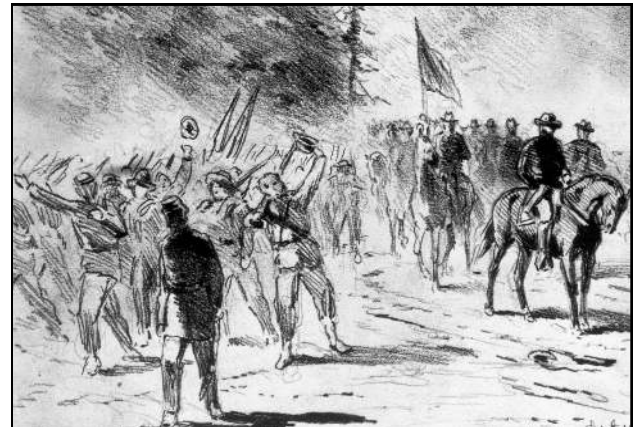


GENERAL GRANT WHITTILING DURING THE
BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS.

Look at the large painting.

Find the following things and check them off:

- ☐ Saunders Field (*where you are now*)
- ☐ Orange Turnpike
- ☐ Ellwood
- ☐ Widow Tapp Farm
- ☐ Orange Plank Road
- ☐ Brock Road
- ☐ Orange Plank Rd & Brock Rd intersection



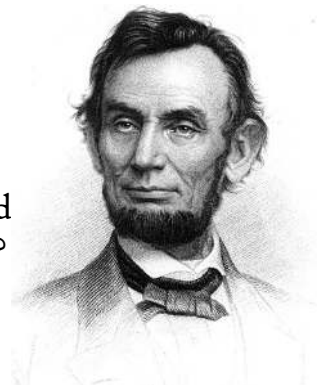
After two days of fighting, the Battle of the Wilderness ended as a tie.

But General Grant ordered his army to head south and fight the Confederates some more.

When the Union soldiers heard this, they cheered! (*see the drawing above*) ↗

Why do you think they were glad to know they would be fighting more battles?

When President Abraham Lincoln heard about the Union army heading south and not giving up, he was so happy that he *kissed* the man who told him. Why do you think President Lincoln was so glad to hear this news?



Saunders Field

There is a rubber mulch path that starts at the Exhibit Shelter and leads to a ridge. Follow this path (part of the Gordon Flank Attack Trail) to the edge of the woods and read the signs along the way. Stop at the woods and then return to the shelter.

Below is a drawing that shows what this field looked like during the battle. How would you feel about marching across here?

In the drawing, can you find and circle the Confederates? The road? Zouaves?



You may have noticed Union soldiers wearing a unique type of uniform. These soldiers were called **zouaves**. Why do you think they wore this style of uniform?

Would you choose to wear this kind of uniform? Why or why not?



Tapp Field

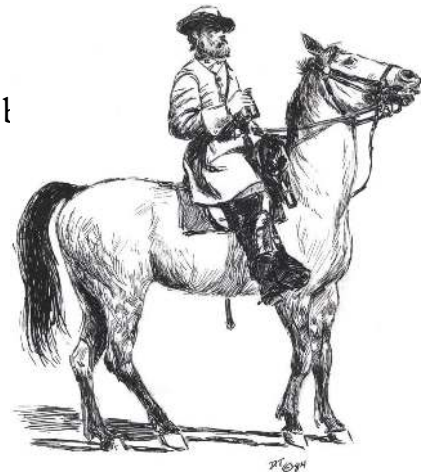
Go to Stop #6. Walk the trails and read the signs about what happened there. While you are doing this, think about and answer the questions below.

Why was General Lee worried on the morning of May 6th?

Why do you think General Lee chose to lead his soldiers into this battle himself?

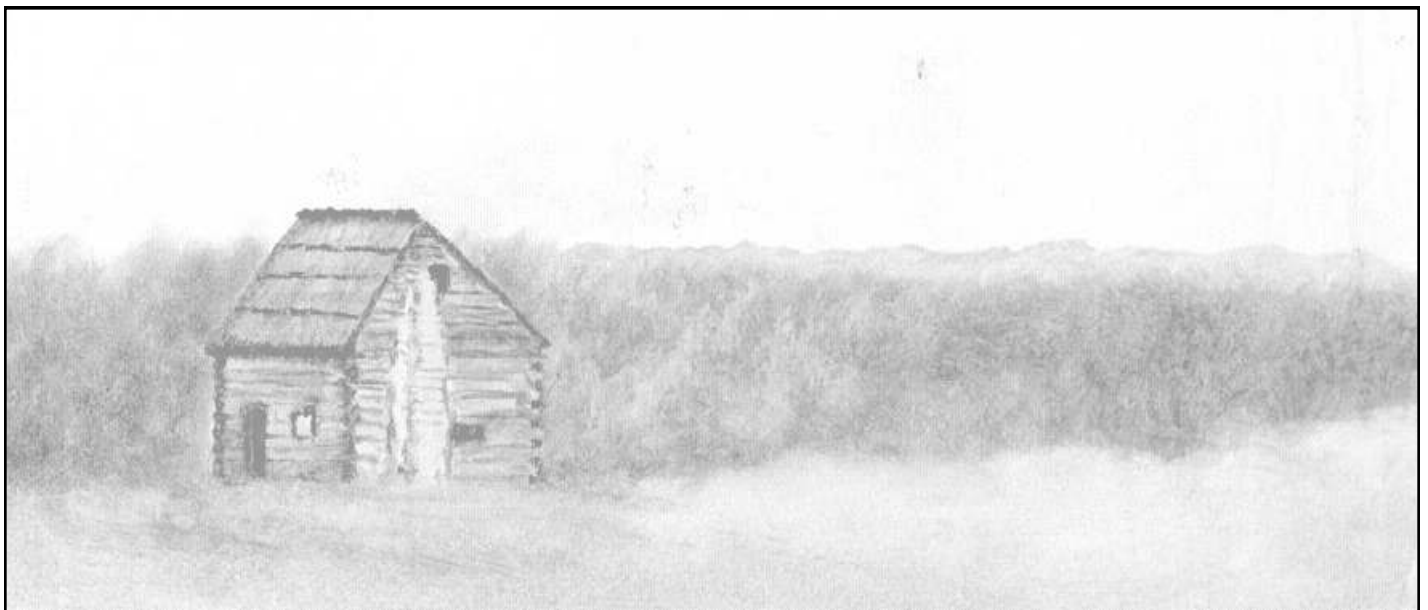
Why did the Confederate soldiers want General Lee to go?
What state were these soldiers from?

What would you have done if you were General Lee?



Below is a drawing of this field made by a soldier after the war. As you can see, the field was quiet and peaceful, much as it is today. Add to this picture and draw what you think it would have looked like on May 6, 1864.

(You may want to include soldiers, cannons, flags or General Lee)



The Dark, Close Wood



At Stop #8 there is a short trail that loops through the woods. Take this trail and read the signs along the way. While you are doing this, think about the things below.

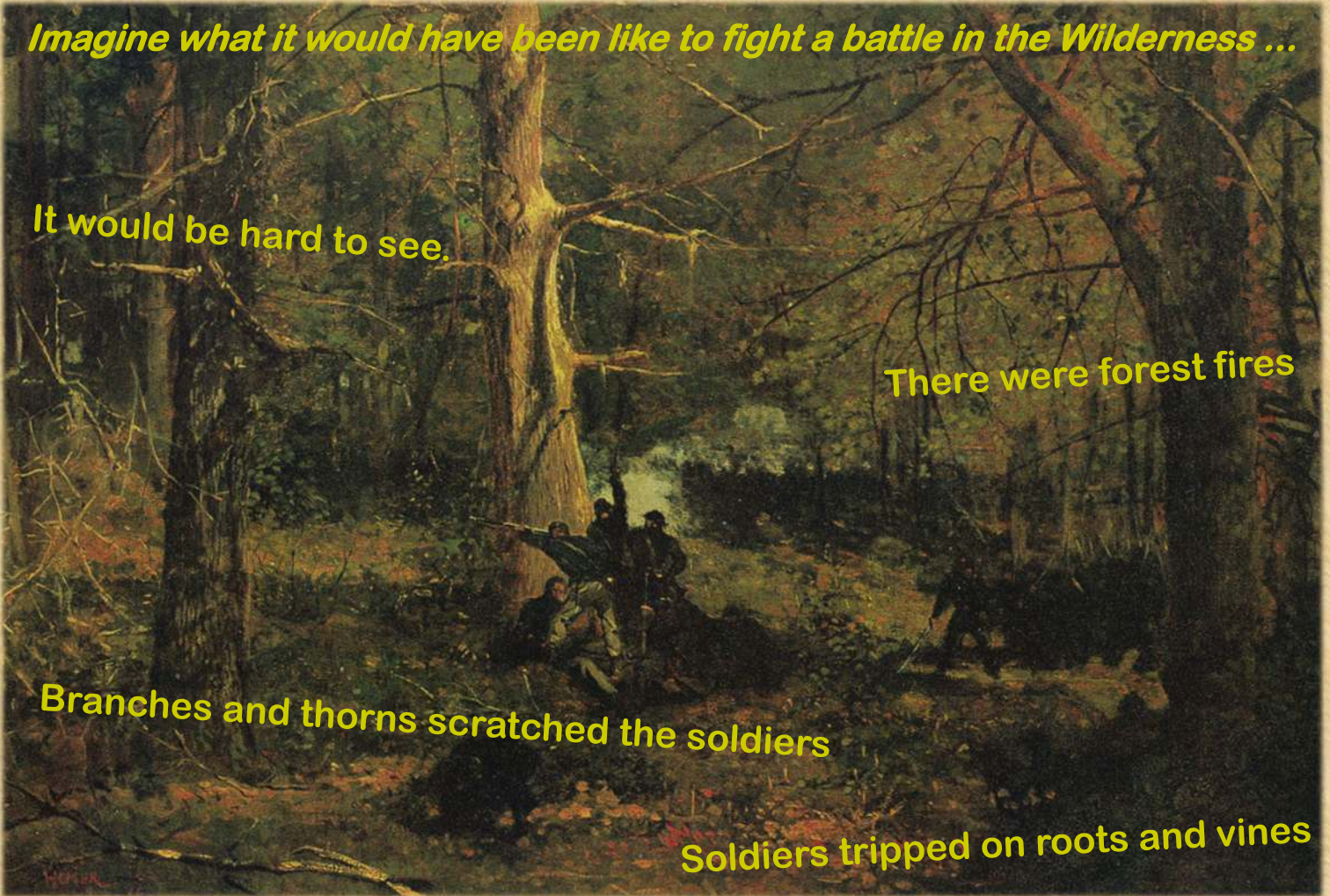
Imagine what it would have been like to fight a battle in the Wilderness ...

It would be hard to see.

There were forest fires

Branches and thorns scratched the soldiers

Soldiers tripped on roots and vines



How did the thick woods affect the battle that was fought here?

Find and read the sign halfway through the trail entitled, “Echoes Homeward.”
How did the Battle of the Wilderness affect people throughout America?

Why do you think it is important that we preserve places like this today?

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