

## The Battle of Bull Run CBRT Script

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- 1 Three, two, one, we're live!  
ALL (sound effect)
- 2 Channel 4 Breaking News! It's just in...
- 8 Justin is at the door?
- All No silly! The news is just in!
- 3 147 years ago today, the first major battle of the Civil War begun! The Battle of Bull Run!
- 4 No, don't you mean the Battle of Manassas?
- 7 They are the same battle, oaf!
- All Anyway, this battle changed the course of history! (sound effect), (gesture)
- 5 This major battle was...
- All The beginning of the Civil War!
- 6 Well...what happened?
- 8 We won!!!
- 7 Not exactly, Virginia was a Confederate state during the Civil War!
- 9 Wait! I thought the south was the Confederacy and the north the Union!
- 10 Yes, Virginia was a southern or Confederate state.
- 11 Who was in charge of the army of the Confederate States?
- 12 Robert E. Lee was the general for the Confederate States.
- All The South!
- 13 Ulysses S. Grant was the general in charge of the Union.
- ALL The North!
- 14 Whoa, whoa, whoa, hold on a second...What made the North and South split?
- 15 You mean "secede"!
- 16 What does secede mean?
- All Secede means to break off! [gesture]
- 17 First, South Carolina seceded from the Union because Lincoln was elected president.
- 16 But was that the reason all the states seceded from the Union?
- 18 The two sides could not agree on the issue of...
- All ...slavery.[gesture] [sound effect]
- 8 Let me get this straight the Union didn't want slaves and the Confederate States did?
- 3 That's right...the Confederates wanted slaves because their main economic source was farming.
- 2 The Union didn't want slaves. Their economy was mostly manufacturing!
- 19 Stop! We're off the subject! We're forgetting a key leader in the Battle of Bull Run!
- 20 Hey, where's Stonewall Jackson?
- 19 Yes! That's the leader I'm talking about!
- 20 Stonewall was his first name?

21 No, that was what they called  
him after one of his men, during  
the Battle of Bull Run said....

All See, there is Jackson standing  
like a stone wall. Rally behind  
the Virginians! (sound effect)

22 But why would you name a stone  
wall, Jackson?

All Come on, you've got to be  
kidding!!!! [gesture]

23 OK, Jackson was in charge of  
the Confederate Army....but  
who was in charge of the Union  
army during this battle?

24 General Irvin McDowell! He  
marched 30,000 Union troops  
30 miles into Manassas!

6 Why did he do that?

1 The Union wanted to capture  
Manassas because it was a  
railroad junction! This would  
also be a first step into taking  
Richmond!

7 The Battle of Bull Run took  
place in 1861 on Wilmer  
McLean's farmland!

5 The victory went to...

All ...the Confederate Army!!!!  
[sound effect][gesture]

6 Now, we can see why the Battle  
of Bull Run helped...

All ...change the course of  
History!!!! (sound effect)  
[gesture]