

Homophones and History: Surrender at Appomattox



Instructions: Read the paragraph and circle the correct version of the word from each word series.

Name _____

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Answers:

In 1864, General Grant led Union forces into a dense forest known as the Wilderness, where they would face Confederate troops and fight (**their**) first major battle in Virginia. The thick woods made it hard to (**bare**) the smoke and fire, and many soldiers couldn't even see or (**hear**) the enemy clearly. Some troops got lost trying to find the (**right**) path through the forest. Wounded soldiers had to (**wait**) for help as the fires moved closer. Grant's army pressed forward, refusing to (**lose**) momentum despite heavy losses.