

150 years ago in the Civil War—May 1863

With good weather the climatic campaigns of 1863, and arguably the entire war, began in the East and West. Grant moved relentlessly against Vicksburg and Lee had his great victory at Chancellorsville only to lose “Stonewall” Jackson in the process.



Eastern Operations Source Americancivilwar.com

May 1 Battle of Chancellorsville begins near Fredericksburg, Virginia (East)

Battle of Port Gibson, Mississippi (West)

May 3 Second Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia (East)

May 4 Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia continues with the Battle of Salem Church (East)

May 10 Death of Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (East) "He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right arm." ... Robert E. Lee

May 14 Engagement at Jackson, Mississippi (West)

May 16 Battle of Champion Hill (Baker's Creek), Mississippi (West)

May 17 Battle of Big Black River Bridge, Mississippi (West)

May 19 First assault on Vicksburg, Mississippi (West)

May 21 Engagement at Plains Store, Louisiana (West)

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May 22 Second assault on Vicksburg, Mississippi (West)

May 23 Siege of Port Hudson, Louisiana (West)

May 27 First assault on Port Hudson, Louisiana (West)