

Combat Studies Institute Battle Maps

This Web Page contains a series of animated maps (utilizing Microsoft Power Point) developed by the Military History Instructional Support Team of CSI. These maps provide the educator a visual tool to illustrate sequential and complicated movements of armies, navies and air forces throughout American Military History. Embedded in the presentations are brief explanations of the opposing forces, their movements, and battle or campaign outcomes. Further, separate documents contain in-depth analyses which discuss insights that are relevant to military leaders and historians.

Specifics On Use of Battle Maps:

The intended use for this courseware is for instructors to present a visual representation of the major events of a Battle/Campaign/War in chronological order. To create these maps, the Battle Analysis process was used. In some cases, a very brief comparison of forces has been given (Step 2- Review the Setting/Set the Stage). However, the majority of content represents “Step 3 – Describe the Action” and is meant to give the student a better understanding of how the battle progresses with action/reaction sequences. “Step 4 – Assess the Significance” is also provided to a certain extent with more detailed analysis of certain aspects of the chosen Battle/Campaign/War in separate word documents. Some general information on the Battle Maps:

- PowerPoint must be shown as Slide Show mode (View → Slide Show) to view the animation. Each click of the mouse will result in some type of movement or ‘action’.
- Description Notes can be found in the ‘Notes Pages’ section of each slide. Generally, each bulleted note corresponds to a movement on the map (a mouse click). The exception to this is the 1777 Saratoga Campaign of the American Revolution – all the action for this presentation is described on a separate Word document and is the most comprehensive Battle Analysis of the series.
- With the exception of the American Revolution Maps, the ‘Notes Pages’ of each Battle Map contain numbered notes that reference the accompanying analysis documents. These notes expound on a particular event occurring during the presentation which require more space than available in the ‘Notes Pages’. This analysis can be used to initiate discussions in a classroom environment.
- While these Battle Maps can be show from beginning to end, they can also be viewed in sections. The movements have been distributed over several slides to allow the instructor to start the ‘action’ at any point where he/she wants to describe a particular event.
- The Battle Analysis and Principle of War Courseware have also been included on this site to further assist the instructor.
- In addition to classroom presentation, the instructor may find use in simply utilizing the courseware as a self-tutorial to better understand the Battle/Campaign/War prior to instruction.

Please click the below links to use or download the specific lessons.

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