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Essay

Robert E. Lee, one of the greatest war generals of all time. His war strategies are still held in high regard today as being genius. The Life of Robert E. Lee is one a man who always had success until his final battle where he surrendered.

Robert E. Lee was born on January 19, 1807 in the town of Stratford, which is located in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Henry "Light-Horse" Lee and Henry's Wife Ann Carter were Lee's parents. The area where Lee grew up was a "living memory" of George Washington. Some people believe that on of the things that influenced him to become involved with war are his many ties to high and important figures in the revolutionary war.

Lee attended school in the town of Alexandria, which is located in Virginia. When Lee grew older, in the year 1825, he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. Four years later, Lee graduated from West Point in 1829. At West Point Lee graduated second in his class, and during his entire time at West Point, for four years, he never received a single demerit to go against his name. Two years later on June 30, 1831 Lee became married to Mary Ann Rudolph Curtis. The two of them had seven children together, three of which were boys and four that were girls.

While Lee was serving in the Mexican War he was awarded with a promotion to colonel for his "gallantry and distinguished conduct in performing vital scouting missions."

Lee later became the superintendent of the Military Academy in the year 1852. Three years later in 1855 the secretary of war, Jefferson Davis, transferred Lee away from the Military Academy. While Lee was there he was commissioned "Lieutenant Colonel Second Cavalry." Afterwards, Lee served in western Texas for four years (1857-1861).

During the Civil War Robert E. Lee was the confederate general. He lead his troops to victory at the second Manassas, at Antietam, as well as, chancellorsville. At Gettysburg Lee was defeated. Lee Surrendered to Ulysses S Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.