

## Shenandoah Valley, May 1862 GM Briefing

The scenario is designed to take at least fifteen days with the intent of generating two or more general engagements. Logistics should not impact the operations until the eleventh or twelfth day at which point, they may have an influence upon the campaign.

The Confederate forces, commanded by MG Jackson, begin concentrated before Harpers Ferry following the defeat of Federal Forces commanded by MG Banks at Winchester on May 23. Lincoln has determined to crush Jackson and has directed two disparate commands under MG Irvin McDowell and MG John C. Fremont to drive into the Valley from east and west and engage Jackson destroying him with overwhelming force. Banks will coordinate the operations of all three forces, including his own. Jackson is aware of the situation to his rear and determined to move southward to engage separately McDowell and Fremont and defeat each in turn, then exit the Valley to rendezvous with other Confederate forces in the defense of Richmond.

The following Campaign defaults should be confirmed by the GM:

First Army Name:	CSA Army of the Valley	
Second Army Name:	US Federal Army	
Campaign Name:	Shenandoah, May 1862	
Season:	Spring	
Weather:	Clear	
Population Density:	Moderate	
Partisan Activity Against:	Federal Army:	High
Foraging Efficiency:	Army of the Valley:	Good
	Federal Army:	Adequate
Initial Base Supply Allocation:	Army of the Valley:	Twenty-One-Days
	Federal Army:	Seven-Days at each Depot

The GM shall provide both the Confederate and Federal players the following:

PDF Manual Chapters: 5 Operational Tasks  
6 Administrative Tasks  
7 Logistical Tasks  
8 Summaries (Essential)

Note: Manual Chapters 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4 have more relevance for the GM  
PDF Maps: Map Legend; Virginia (West); Virginia (East); West Virginia and Maryland  
Excel ID Tags: Shenandoah, May 1862 - IDTags  
Excel Playing Aid: Jackson – MarchOrderTemplate  
Banks - MarchOrderTemplate

The GM shall provide the Confederate player(s) the following:

Campaign Briefing: Shenandoah, May 1862 – CSABriefing  
Intelligence Report: Army of the Valley Intelligence

The GM shall provide the Federal player the following:

Campaign Briefing: Shenandoah, May 1862– FederalBriefing  
Intelligence Report: Federal Army Intelligence