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The Tampa Incident - Text Only

Directions: Read the paragraph and the questions that follow it. Check the box in front of the correct answer.

On June 30, 1862, a small battle took place in the Tampa Bay area over a two-day period. This was early in the Civil War. A Union general sailed into Tampa Bay. Soldiers disembarked, went into town, and demanded Tampa's surrender to the Union. A small Confederate militia group stationed in Tampa called the Osceola Rangers refused to surrender. The Union gunboat then began to open fire. The Union General warned the soldiers that they would fire again beginning at 6 pm in order to get civilians out of the way. The Osceola Rangers remained steadfast in their refusal to surrender. Gunfire began again and shots rang out most of the next day into Tampa. Eventually, in the late afternoon of July 1st, the Union soldiers stopped firing and the gunboat withdrew. Luckily, there were no casualties in this battle.

1. Where did this Civil War battle happen?
 - a. ☐ Miami
 - b. ☐ Jacksonville
 - c. ☐ Tampa
2. What started the battle?
 - a. ☐ Union sailed into Tampa Bay
 - b. ☐ Confederates went into Union territory
 - c. ☐ the Union sent a message
3. What group was protecting Tampa?
 - a. ☐ the Union
 - b. ☐ Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 - c. ☐ Osceola Rangers
4. What did the Union want?
 - a. ☐ to live in Tampa
 - b. ☐ for the Osceola Rangers to surrender
 - c. ☐ to pick oranges
5. What happened at the end of the battle?
 - a. ☐ the Osceola Rangers surrendered
 - b. ☐ the Union surrendered
 - c. ☐ the Union stopped firing and withdrew