

# The Life and Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant

## Introduction

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ranks, and he soon became one of the most successful generals in the war. He led the Union Army to victory at Vicksburg and Chattanooga, and he played a key role in the final defeat of the Confederacy.

After the war, Grant was elected president of the United States. He served two terms, from 1869 to 1877. During his presidency, he oversaw the Reconstruction of the South, and he worked to protect the civil rights of African Americans. However, his presidency was also marred by corruption and scandal.

Grant's legacy is complex and controversial. He is remembered as one of the greatest generals in American history, but he is also criticized for his failures as a politician. Nevertheless, he remains a fascinating and important figure in American history.

In this book, we will explore the life and presidency of Ulysses S. Grant. We will examine his military career, his political achievements, and his personal life. We

will also consider his legacy and his impact on American history.

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In this comprehensive biography, Pasquale De Marco explores the life and presidency of Ulysses S. Grant. Drawing on a wide range of sources, Pasquale De Marco provides a fresh and insightful look at this complex and fascinating figure.

The book begins with Grant's early life and military career. Grant was born in Ohio in 1822, and he grew up in poverty. He attended West Point Military Academy, but he graduated near the bottom of his class. After serving in the Mexican-American War, he resigned

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This book is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, the Civil War, or the life of Ulysses S. Grant. Pasquale De Marco provides a balanced and insightful look at this complex and controversial figure.

# Chapter 1: Early Life and Military Career

## Birth and Childhood

Ulysses S. Grant was born on April 27, 1822, in Point Pleasant, Ohio. He was the first of six children born to Jesse Root Grant and Hannah Simpson Grant. His father was a tanner and a farmer, and his mother was a devout Methodist.

Grant's childhood was spent in poverty. The family moved frequently, and Grant often had to work to help support his family. He attended school sporadically, and he never received a formal education.

Despite his lack of formal education, Grant was a bright and ambitious child. He loved to read, and he had a natural talent for mathematics. He also enjoyed playing sports, and he was a skilled horseman.

In 1839, Grant was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated in 1843,

near the bottom of his class. He was commissioned as a brevet second lieutenant in the 4th U.S. Infantry.

Grant served in the Mexican-American War from 1846 to 1848. He fought bravely at the Battle of Chapultepec, and he was brevetted to the rank of captain.

After the war, Grant resigned from the Army and returned to civilian life. He worked as a farmer and a businessman, but he was not successful. In 1854, he was forced to sell his farm and move his family to St. Louis.



# Chapter 1: Early Life and Military Career

## Education and Early Career

Ulysses S. Grant was born in Ohio in 1822. His father was a tanner, and his mother was a devout Methodist. Grant grew up in poverty, and he received little formal education. He attended a local school for a few years, but he did not excel in his studies.

At the age of 17, Grant was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated near the bottom of his class in 1843, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army. Grant served in the Mexican-American War, and he distinguished himself in battle. He was promoted to captain in 1847, and he was breveted to major for his gallantry at the Battle of Molino del Rey.

After the Mexican-American War, Grant resigned from the Army and worked as a farmer and a businessman.

He was not successful in either endeavor, and he eventually returned to the Army in 1861.

Grant's early education and career did not prepare him for the challenges he would face during the Civil War. However, his military experience in the Mexican-American War gave him the skills and knowledge he needed to become one of the most successful generals in American history.

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### Military Service in the Mexican-American War

Ulysses S. Grant's military career began in 1843, when he graduated from West Point Military Academy. He was commissioned as a brevet second lieutenant in the 4th U.S. Infantry and was assigned to duty at Jefferson Barracks in Missouri.

In 1845, the United States annexed Texas, which led to the outbreak of the Mexican-American War. Grant's regiment was ordered to Texas, and he saw action in several battles, including the Battle of Resaca de la Palma and the Battle of Monterrey.

Grant distinguished himself in battle, and he was promoted to first lieutenant in 1846. He also served as a quartermaster and commissary officer, and he gained valuable experience in logistics and supply.

In 1847, Grant's regiment was sent to Mexico City, where he participated in the siege of the city. He was wounded in the leg during the Battle of Molino del Rey, but he remained in command of his company.

After the war, Grant was promoted to captain and was assigned to duty in Oregon. He served in the Pacific Northwest for several years, and he gained experience in frontier warfare.

Grant's service in the Mexican-American War was a formative experience in his life. He learned the basics of military strategy and tactics, and he developed a reputation for courage and leadership. He also gained valuable experience in logistics and supply, which would serve him well in the Civil War.

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