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## Battle of Gettysburg, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863: Pickett's Charge and Lee's Retreat

General Lee orders Longstreet's divisions, after sustained Confederate artillery bombardment, to strike through the Union lines on Cemetery Ridge.

Longstreet realizes any assault through open terrain is doomed.

At 3 pm on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pickett's 12,500 Southern soldiers step from the ridgeline and advance the three-quarters of a mile across what is essentially a "valley of death."

July 19<sup>th</sup> 6 P.M. Meeting Room