



The One

In music and pop culture, the phrase "*the one*" usually describes a perfect romantic partner—someone who stands out, who can't be replaced, who makes everything finally fall into place. But in the context of the Civil War, "*the one*" didn't write love letters or sing duets. He wrote battle orders, crossed rivers, and refused to retreat. "*The one*" was Ulysses S. Grant

Write an essay that describes why Ulysses S. Grant was regarded as “the one” by Abraham Lincoln, and eventually by the population of the North. Think about the state of the Union Army before and after Grant. Think about the battles he won and those he didn’t win. Think about his mentality and strategies. Make sure you include historical events from Grant’s life and the events during the war which he was a part of.

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