A "You Show" Activity for Finding the Main Idea Explicit

First Battle of Bull Run - Story #1

On the morning of July21, McDowell sent his attack columns in a long march north toward Sudley Springs Ford. The route took the Federals around the Confederate left. To distract the Southerners, McDowell ordered a diversionary attack where Warrenton Turnpike crossed Bull Run at the Stone Bridge. At 5:30 A.M., the deep-throated roar of a 30-pounder Parrott rifle shattered the morning calm and signaled the start of the battle.

