

Demoralizing the Enemy

In 1864, Union General William Tecumseh Sherman led his army on a destructive march through the states of Georgia and South Carolina that came to be known as "Sherman's March to the Sea." The goal of the "march" was to break the will of the southern people by making them suffer. Consequently, Sherman ordered his men to burn everything in their path and to take food and supplies at will from the people. By the time Sherman was done, his army caused more than \$100 million dollars of damage to the state and burned the cities of Atlanta, Macon, and others to the ground. In the end, Sherman's March did much to demoralize the people of the South and in doing so, accomplished its main goal.

Have you ever been involved in a game, match, or other competition in which your team crushed its opponent? Has a team you've been on beat the opponent so convincingly, that you crushed their will? Have you ever been on the other side? In the lines provided below, write about a time when your team either crushed the opponent, or, was crushed by the opponent. Why did it happen? How did it feel? If you can't think of your own experience, think of one in professional sports, literature, or, the movies.