**Robert E. Lee ~~Our Hero~~**

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POW! A gun shot went off to his right, he immediately told his troops to find safe ground. Not wanting to put them in too much danger. Robert E. Lee served in the Civil war. If he hadn't been on the south's side, the Civil war would have been a lot shorter. Robert was just born in the wrong place. What challenges did Robert E. Lee face? He faced many challenges; he had to take care of his mother at a young age, he was the general of the confederate army, and was away from his family for long periods of time.

To begin with, when Robert was little he faced the challenge of taking care of his sick mother. Taking care of his mother was a great responsibility. After Roberts father left that’s when all the responsibility developed. Robert felt as if he was in charge of everything. Having six relatives must have also made him have more challenges. The good thing about his father leaving was he gained self control. Self control can help in a lot of life situations, especially the ones he's been through. One life situation Robert has been through was, in his first few years in the military Robert heard enemy troops coming, he grabbed his comrades and hid in a bush. He showed self control by not freaking out and staying calm during the situation of when he heard the enemy troops coming. Another positive out come was he gained a feeling of taking charge of life situations.

After Robert took care of his mother, Robert became general of the confederate army. He faced many challenges. He had many lives in his hands, he had to make a lot of hard decisions, and he had to risk his life in the civil war. Being in charge of many soldiers lives would put a lot of pressure on anyone, in this case Robert had it. Making hard decisions, like what to do when fighting in war, means you have to think things through, the outcomes, and the affects. Thinking of what decision to make would also put pressure on many people. Risking your life is a big challenge. When you do you have do a lot of thinking, if the result is positive or negative. Robert quoted "It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell" Robert reacted to losing the war by, putting his leadership into being a teacher at Washington collage.

In addition to Robert being general in the Confederate army, Robert was away from his family for long periods of time, like when he was fighting against the north. It was the hardest for his wife, Mary Anna Custis Lee . She had to provide for her children, and take care of them. She provided for them by, earning money from her job. She got through it because she was a strong and loving women (parent). She studied, Greek, Latin, literature, and was an author. Mary taught African Americans to read and write, and also offered Sunday school classes, like her mother. Mary and Roberts marriage only lasted three years.

In conclusion, those are the challenges Robert E. Lee faced. He faced the challenges of; having to take care of his mother at a young age, being a general of the confederate army, and being away from his family for long periods of time. If Robert wasn’t on the souths side, many people wouldn’t have died, the war would have ended sooner, and not as many resources would have been wasted.