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The Civil War was the end result of a decades-long sectional rivalry driven largely, but not exclusively, by the question of slavery. The resulting conflict was a cataclysm that shook the United States to its core.
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The Peace of Nicias brought about the end of formal hostilities between Athens and Sparta in 421 BC. The peace would not last, and in 415 BC Athens embarked on an ill-fated expedition to Sicily.
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The First English Civil War was going badly for King Charles I in early 1644. Needing a diversion in Scotland, Charles appointed James Graham, Earl of Montrose, to reverse the course of the war.
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“Battle of Spotsylvania” by Thierry de Thulstrup (note the 19th century spelling of the battle). From 8-20 May 1864, Union and Confederate forces clashed in one of the bloodiest battles of the Overland Campaign.