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American Civil War Timeline Activity

Overview

Below you will see a timeline for each year of the Civil War. The major events are listed in chronological order under each year to give you a general idea for when these events occurred. The purpose of this activity is NOT to overload you with dates, people, events, and battle names to memorize. Instead the goals of this activity are to critically observe a source of media, write with empathy, and ask questions and provide meaningful feedback. Please follow the instructions below.

Instructions

Log on to our U.S. History webpage and click on the "American Civil War Timeline Video" hyperlink that is located under the "Classroom Resources / Unit Plans" menu or simply load the following address into your address window: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gfl6rHFUuQ&feature=related While you watch the short video presentation, please respond to the following writing prompts below.

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1860

- The election of Abraham Lincoln;
- Secession;
- The Constitution for the Confederate States of America; and
- The Election of Jefferson Davis.

1861

- Fort Sumter and More Southern States Secede From the Union;
- Border States, Virginia, and West Virginia;
- The Anaconda Plan;
- First Battle of Bull Run and Stonewall Jackson;
- Grant's success in the Western Theater: Forts Henry and Donelson.

Task #1: When you get to this point of the video, press "Pause" and follow these instructions: Write a ***4-6*** sentence newspaper report in the space provided below that expresses your opinions on how the war is going so far. Please be sure to indicate whether you are a Northern or Southern newspaper and use at least 3 examples in your article that you learned in this section of the video. **Press "Play" when you have concluded your written response, which will continue on the next page with the years "1862" and "1863."**

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American Civil War Timeline *(Continued)*

1862

- Shiloh;
- New Orleans;
- McClellan's campaign;
- Seven Days;
- Cedar Mountain;
- Second Battle of Bull Run;
- Lee's Double Offensive;
- Perryville;
- Antietam and the Emancipation Proclamation;
- Fredericksburg

1863

- Siege of Vicksburg;
- Chancellorsville;
- Gettysburg and the fall of Vicksburg;
- The Gettysburg Address;
- Chickamauga;
- Chattanooga;

Task #2: When you get to this point of the video, press "Pause" and follow these instructions: Write a ***4-6*** sentence letter to your wife, husband, brother, friend, etc. about your feelings about the recent events that have occurred in the last two years (1862 & 1863). Please be sure to indicate whether you are a Northern or Southern soldier, wife, citizen, etc. and use at least 3 examples in your letter that you learned in this section of the video. **Press "Play" when you have concluded your written response, which will continue on the next page with the years "1864" and "1865."**

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American Civil War Timeline *(Continued)*

1864

- Grant Takes Command;
- The Wilderness;
- Cold Harbor;
- Siege of Petersburg;
- Sherman's Invasion of Georgia;
- Atlanta;
- Franklin;
- Savannah;
- Nashville

1865

- Petersburg;
- Richmond's evacuation;
- Appomattox;
- Durham Station;
- Lincoln's Assassination;
- The legacy of the war.

Task #3: Please note that the conclusion of this video comes to an abrupt end. You did not do anything wrong…it's just the way the video was cut short.

Now that you have seen a brief overview about the major events of the Civil War, what questions do you have? What do you want to know more about? Please take the time to reflect upon this activity and also provide your feedback. What did you like? What would you suggest? What reactions do you have about what you have learned? Please be sure to provide ***4-6*** sentences and/or questions that may come to mind. Thank you.

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