



THE Civil War Curriculum

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MIDDLE SCHOOL OVERALL GOAL: Students will identify the cause and effects of the American Civil War politically, economically, militarily, and culturally.

GOAL 1 Pre-1860: Disunion Students will be able to identify and discuss the causes of the American Civil War. NCSS I, II, III, V, VI, VII, X	GOAL 2 1861: The Country Goes to War Students will be able to explain the state of the nation and list the sequence of events leading to the Civil War. NCSS I, II, III, V, VI, VIII	GOAL 3 1862: Antietam & Emancipation Students will be able to discuss the meaning and impact of the Emancipation Proclamation. NCSS I, V, VI, X	GOAL 4 Life at War Students will be able to explain the day to day life of a Civil War soldier. NCSS I, II, IV, V, VI	GOAL 5 The Home Front Students will be able to discuss what life was like for those on the home front and the effects of news from the field on those at home. NCSS I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII
GOAL 6 1863: Shifting Tides Students will be able to discuss the effects of the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg paying particular attention to the Gettysburg Address. NCSS II, V, VI, X	GOAL 7 1864-1865: Bringing the War to an End Students will be able to summarize the sequence of events that led to the end of the Civil War. NCSS II, III, V, VI	GOAL 8 Post-1865: Effects of the War Students will be able to identify and discuss the effects of the American Civil War. NCSS I, II, V, VI, X	GOAL 9 Preserving the Memory Students will be able to formulate ways in which society can preserve the memory of the war. NCSS II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, X	ASSESSMENT Students will complete a standardized test with document based question.