

Slavery and Civil War

Writing Ideas

1. After watching the video, summarize three key ideas that you learned. (3-12)
2. After watching the video, did you learn things that didn't fit with what you thought about slavery or the Civil War or how what you already knew reinforced? Do you have new insights into the Civil War? Write two paragraphs to answer these questions. (5-12)
3. Research three different battles. Describe the tactics of the leaders and the results. Which seemed to make the most difference in the war? (6-12)
4. Summarize the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments and describe how they impacted the United States. (6-12)
5. Describe Abraham Lincoln's leadership during the Civil War. Explain why you think his leadership was (or was not a defining factor in the war. (9-12)
6. Research and describe the life of most slaves. (3-5)
7. Compare and contrast the leadership of General Lee to General Grant. (9-12)
8. Research what it was like to be a soldier in the Union army at this time. Write five journal entries. (3-8)
9. Describe a Freedom Suit and discuss the most famous one of Dred Scott. (6-12)
10. Describe what a slave had to do to bring a Freedom Suit to the court. Explain whether you would have been willing to be a lawyer for a slave bringing a Freedom Suit. (6-12)
11. Describe some of the weapons that were used in the Civil War.
12. Describe how trains were important during the Civil War. (3-8)
13. Research ironclads and describe how they are built and what role they played in the Civil War. (6-12)
14. Describe the Underground Railroad and the role of the conductors. (3-8)
15. Research Lincoln's presidency and describe how he was able to get the 13th amendment passed. (9-12)