

Civil War Project: Civil War Battle

Task: Create an informative display about the Civil War battle assigned to you. Gather facts from at least 3 valid sources and document them accurately. Your display should demonstrate appropriate writing skills, a good selection of information, and graphics that enhance your written information.

Facts must include the following:

- Date(s) and location of the battle (include at least one map)
- Commanders on each side and any other key officers or soldiers
- Number of troops on each side
- Reason the battle was fought at that location
- Casualties on both sides (number of dead and wounded)
- Which side won
- Aftermath: what were the positives and negative results?
- A basic timeline of the battle, including key events, moments, decisions, actions, etc.

Your display will be on a large white poster sheet. You may paste typed information on to the poster and/or write information directly on the poster. All writing must be in marker. The written information will be partially in paragraphs and partially in timeline form. Paragraphs should have titles (ex: Getting Ready for Battle, Aftermath). Include captions by any graphics that require explanation.

****Written information should be in your own words—DO NOT CUT AND PASTE INFORMATION**

Hints for research:

- Find the required information first, then include other facts you find interesting
- Look for books and websites that may contain letters or journals by people involved in this battle
- Focus on the key facts—don't write down every detail and every name
- Condense the information you find—you may be able to take 2 or 3 pieces of information and write one sentence.
- Remember to cite any pictures or graphics you use

Hints for your display:

- Your Works Cited paper must be glued to the front of your display (somewhere at the bottom)
- Include a variety of graphics on your display (maps, photos)
- Your display should be interesting to look at, but be careful not to make it too cluttered
- The battle name should be the largest words on your poster
- Do everything in pencil first
- Check your spelling before writing in marker
- Use color to make your display more attractive
- All your lettering should be neat
- Be creative!

Final product: You must hand in a completed display and your note cards