

Civil War Project: Civil War General

Task: Create an informative display about the Civil War general 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:

- Background information: date of birth, basic family information, education or training, pre-war jobs or important experiences
- War-time information: date he joined the war (month and year are fine), battles in which he fought, key events that involved him, important decisions he made, what others thought of him, injuries or death during the war
- Post-War information: if he survived the war, a brief description of what he did afterwards and the date of his death
- You may include any other information that is relevant to the general you are researching.

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. Written facts should be in paragraph form, but the paragraphs may be on different sections of the poster. Paragraphs should have titles (ex: Before the War, During the War, After the War). 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 or about this general
- Focus on the key facts—for instance, don't list the names of all his brothers and sisters or give a lot of details about every battle he fought in
- 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—not just a head shot of your general.
- Your display should be interesting to look at, but be careful not to make it too cluttered
- The general's 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