

A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

APRIL 9, 2015

The Last March

The closing drama of the American Civil War took place 150 years ago in April, 1865 when the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia began its last march. Pursued by Union forces, the outnumbered Confederate army was forced to surrender at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.

The surrender marked an end and a beginning for America. The Southern Confederacy collapsed a few weeks later, ending the institution of slavery in America. The Civil War was over, but the struggle for racial equality in America had just begun.

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One hundred years later, in 1965 the first of three civil rights marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, took place to protest segregation and voter intimidation. These marches led directly to the passage of the Voting Rights Act prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.

Engage in this exciting distance learning opportunity for grades 5-8!

Join NPS educators for a “real time” experience on April 9, 2015 for one of two distance learning sessions to be held at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ET

Participants will:

- Understand the significance of the surrender of the Confederate Army at Appomattox Court House
- See the 150th commemorative activities in real time – the surrender ceremony 150 years to the minute!
- Explore multiple points of view with special interviews involving a Confederate and Union soldiers, a former slave, and a local civilian.
- Appreciate how the events of 150 years ago marked the birth of the Civil Rights movement and how that is relevant to Americans today.

VTC Participant Technical Requirements*:

testing and the April 9th videocall connection information: 0409@96.5.139.36

*:Each classroom wishing to participate as an interactive videoconferencing site will need access to a H.323 compliant desktop videoconferencing software or a room system. The videoconferencing system should be able to operate at a minimum of 384 kbps. Every interactive site must successfully complete a videoconferencing test call with the technical lead., Mike Costa at least 48 hours prior to the program start date.

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