

Lesson Plan Asset Content Template 2014 TRT format

Be sure to check the guidance if you are not certain where particular information will appear on the screen.

Lesson Plan Title (255 characters maximum):

The Forgotten Warriors of the Civil War

Teaser text: A quick advertisement or Essential Question (100 characters maximum):

How Native Americans Fought Each Other During the American Civil War

Overview text (500 characters maximum): Explain what your lesson plan is about

The Forgotten Warriors of the Civil War is the story of the tragic effect that the American Civil War had upon the tribes of the Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma). More than any other particular group in the United States at the time, the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole (the Five Civilized Tribes) were divided between loyalty to the Union and the secessionist Southern states. This lesson will teach students about why this “civil war within a civil war” occurred and will focus on the three Indian Home Guard Regiments trained and stationed at Fort Scott.

Standard image, optional (638 px w X 400 px h, 75 KB maximum):

Alt text for standard image (150 characters maximum):

Caption for standard image (180 characters maximum):

Cavalry Soldier of the Indian Home Guard

Credit for standard image (100 characters maximum):

Oklahoma Historical Society

Feature image, optional (688 px w X 173 px h, 75 KB maximum):

Alt text for feature image (150 characters maximum):

Is there a link to an external location for this lesson plan? If yes, provide link:

Is there a downloadable file (or PDF) for this lesson plan? If yes, provide filename and location: Be sure your PDF or other file meets universal accessibility requirements, most PDFs do not.

Duration- time to complete this lesson plan (255 characters maximum):

Group Size (mark one):

- 8 or fewer
- 8 or fewer (2 activity groups)
- Up to 12
- Up to 12 (2-4 breakout groups)
- Up to 24
- Up to 24 (4-8 breakout groups)
- Up to 36
- Up to 36 (6-12 breakout groups)
- Up to 60
- Up to 60 (10-15 breakout groups)
- 60 or more

Location for this lesson plan (mark the appropriate choice(s)):

- classroom
- gym
- outdoors
- indoors
- pond or lake
- track
- pool
- large field
- small green space

Learning objectives (in rich text): Both lower and higher order thinking skills, Common Core skills

Background information for the teacher to conduct this lesson plan (in rich text):

When the Civil War began in April of 1861, the federal forces were withdrawn from the Indian Territory. Seeing an opportunity to gain control of territory and establish military alliances, the Confederate government sent emissaries to sign treaties with the Five Civilized Tribes as well as other fragmentary people groups in the territory. Absent a federal presence, many tribes did so. However, the signing of those treaties led Amerindians who were still loyal to the Union to seek protection from the federal government. Pro-secessionist Native Americans promptly began driving the pro-Northern groups out of the territory and into Kansas, creating a refugee crisis for officials in the newly-created state. As Southern officers began organizing the Indians still in the territory for action in the war, Kansas officials and Union officers began to advocate for the organization of Native forces as well, principally from the refugees of the Indian Territory. Even though both sides attempted to use their Native troops in Missouri and Arkansas, the main goal was to use those troops to secure control of the Indian Territory. What resulted the Native Americans on both sides fighting against their brethren on the other side, many times in brutal fashion.

The Indian Territory became a wasteland from the wanton destruction with the result that starvation was rampant, home and farms were destroyed, and few Indians remained on their own soil. All of this was happening against a backdrop of betrayal by the government officials on both sides. More tragedy awaited the Amerindians who fought on both sides when the war ended.

Major vocabulary introduced:

Five Civilized Tribes, Indian Territory, Indian Nations, Indian Home Guard Regiments, loyalist, secessionist, Fort Scott, Fort Blunt, Battle of Prairie Grove, first and second Battle of Cabin Creek, Battle of Honey Springs

Procedure step display (mark one):

Step

Part

Day

Week

Procedure- instructions for step 1, step 2, etc. in the Procedure (in rich text):

Step 1: Divide the class into two groups (this can be done by student initiative, teacher assignment, or by drawing names out of a hat). One group of students will be approaching the assignment from the aspect of the Union viewpoint while the other group will take the Confederate viewpoint. Both sides will be responsible for researching the following associated with the Five Civilized Tribes and the Civil War:

Who was behind the idea of using Native American troops?

How did each side convince the Amerindians to participate in the war?

What kind of material support did each government give to their Indian troops?

What was the name of the major units created for Native American troops, who was in each unit, and who commanded each unit?

What major problems were encountered in trying to organize the Amerindians in a military fashion?

Step 1a: For the group that will be researching the Union perspective, they should specifically research these items:

Why did many Native Americans in the Indian Territory support the Union?

The Indian refugee problem during the Civil War.

Why was there opposition to the use of Native American troops.

Successes of the Indian Home Guard Regiments.

People: James Lane, James G. Blunt, Opothleyoholo, Robert Furnas, John Ritchie, William A. Phillips

Step 1b: For the group that will be researching the Confederate perspective, they should specifically research these items:

What led members of the Five Civilized Tribes to support the Confederacy?

Successes of the pro-Confederate Amerindians.

People: Albert Pike, John Ross, Stand Watie, Chilly McIntosh, Daniel McIntosh, John Drew, John Jumper

Step 2: The time determinate for this step is up to each individual teacher. Knowing that this topic would be covered under the umbrella of the entire Civil War in a normal classroom, the amount of in-class

research would probably be limited. A suggestion would be to make it a long-range project with most of the research and finished product being done outside of the classroom. Putting a groups' final project together might necessitate the use of a class period.

Step 3: Each group would be required to put together three different visuals. The first visual would be group-dependent: the North would need to prepare a visual of Kansas showing the location of the various refugee groups from the Indian Territory, Fort Scott, where any confrontations between the two sides occurred, and major geographical markings. The South would have to prepare a visual of the Indian Territory. Fort (Gibson) Blunt, where any major confrontations between where the two sides occurred, and major geographical markings. The second visual would contain the names of the Native American military units for their perspective and Amerindians associated with that unit. The third visual would contain the other major non-military figures associated with the North and South who played a role in the Five Civilized Tribes and the Civil War. These visuals can take the form of posters, PowerPoints, or student-produced films. They must be visible to anyone viewing the students presentation.

Step 4: Each student would be required to submit a bibliography containing at least three sources which could include books, magazine articles, newspaper articles, diaries, etc. Visuals should have a citation as to their source.

Step 5: Each side will present an in-class presentation lasting no less than 10 minutes nor more than 15 minutes. Each student in the group will be expected to share in the presentation in a near-equal proportion of the time used. The presentation must answer all questions listed above and identify those people listed above. The presentation must also use each of the three visuals in a coherent fashion. Each group must turn in a script to the teacher prior to the presentation.

Assessment- how will the teacher assess learning (in rich text)?:

Students will be assessed in the following categories:

Research – student-submitted materials reflect depth of research in creating their presentation. (10 points)

Script – the group's script shows a coherent and cohesive tying together of the required elements; all elements are addressed. (10 points)

Oral presentation – the oral presentation of the material covers all bullet points above, incorporates the visuals, and involves all members of the group in near-equal fashion. (40 points)

Visual presentation – all three visuals are present and show the information required; PowerPoints and movies are coherent and engaging. (30 points – 10 for each element)

Bibliography – bibliographies contain at least three credible sources, there is at least one primary and one secondary source, and are constructed in an acceptable format. (5 points)

Accuracy – students should make sure their information is correct by using primary sources wherever possible; bias should be pared out of the project. (5 points)

Excellent (92-100)

Research: (see above)

Script: submitted prior to presentation; well-written in an easily-understood and interesting fashion.

Oral presentation: (see above)

Visual presentation: (see above)

Bibliography: lists at least three sources; one primary source; one secondary source; acceptable format

Accuracy: there are no mistakes present (does not refer to a flawless oral presentation, only materials)

Above Average (84-91)

Research: There is some depth of research but does not quite cover all the aspects of the assignment.

Script: submitted prior to presentation; could have better writing but is understandable and somewhat interesting

Oral presentation: a bullet point may be missing, may be unbalanced towards one or more students; or ignores some of the visuals

Visual presentation: does not fully cover the requested information; PowerPoints or movie are not fully cohesive or show a lack of understanding.

Bibliography: lacks a source or there is a formatting mistake

Accuracy: there are minor errors present (does not refer to a flawless oral presentation, only materials)

Average (75-83)

Research: There is some depth of research but does not quite cover all the aspects of the assignment; a major question is left unanswered.

Script: submitted prior to presentation; could have better writing but has some minor clarity problems; somewhat interesting

Oral presentation: two bullet points may be missing, may be unbalanced towards one or more students; or ignores some of the visuals

Visual presentation: does not fully cover the requested information; PowerPoints or movie are not fully cohesive or show a lack of understanding.

Bibliography: lacks a source or there are more than one formatting mistakes.

Accuracy: there is a major error present (does not refer to a flawless oral presentation, only materials)

Below Average (65-74)

Research: Research does not cover all the aspects of the assignment; two major questions are left unanswered.

Script: submitted prior to presentation; writing has some major clarity problems; doubtful it caught the interest of other students.

Oral presentation: three bullet points may be missing, showed domination by one student; ignores major parts of the visuals

Visual presentation: visuals show a lack of effort or rushed construction; does not fully cover the requested information; PowerPoints or movie are not fully cohesive or show a lack of understanding.

Bibliography: lacks a source; there are more than one formatting mistakes; or there is one major formatting mistake.

Accuracy: there are two major errors present (does not refer to a flawless oral presentation, only materials)

Unacceptable (64 or below)

Research: Research does not cover all the aspects of the assignment; three or more major questions are left unanswered.

Script: was not submitted prior to presentation; major clarity problems; doubtful it caught the interest of other students; has grammatical and spelling errors present.

Oral presentation: three bullet points may be missing, some students in the group did not participate in the presentation; ignores the visuals.

Visual presentation: poorly constructed (messy, vague labels, etc.); does not fully cover the requested information; PowerPoints or movie are not fully cohesive or show a lack of understanding.

Bibliography: lacks two sources; there are multiple major formatting mistakes.

Accuracy: there are multiple (three or more) major errors present (does not refer to a flawless oral presentation, only materials)

Park Connections- how does this lesson plan relate to park resources (in rich text)?:

Fort Scott National Historic Site (FOSC) was the mustering-in site for two of the three Indian Home Guard Regiments, plus was the training site and operational base for all three. When in the field, the Indian Home Guard Regiments depended upon Fort Scott as its base of supply. FO SC puts out an excellent site bulletin dealing with the Native Americans and the Civil War. FO SC has a number of primary and secondary sources dealing with the Five Civilized Tribes and the Civil War. Almost all of them are available to students.

Extensions- suggested ways for the teacher to take the lesson a little further, other related activities (in rich text):

One extension activity would be having the students research and wear tribal dress when they are giving their presentation.
Another would be to create a full-sized replicas of guidons, flags, etc., that were used by the Native American units.
Students on each side of the issue could create a fourth visual listing the Native American tribes outside of the Five Civilized Tribes would supported the Union and Confederacy.

Additional Resources- references, other materials for further research by interested students, NOT lesson materials (in rich text):

Abel, Annie Heloise; *The American Indian in the Civil War*; ©1992 by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Britton, Wiley (Author *Civil War on the Border*, 2 Volumes); “Some Reminiscences of the Cherokee People Returning to Their Homes the Exiles of a Nation;” *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Vol. 6 No 2, June, 1928.

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Cottrell, Steve; *Civil War in the Indian Territory*; ©1995 by Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, Louisiana.

Cozzens, Peter; “Hindman’s Grand Illusion;” *Civil War Times Illustrated*, October, 2000; Vol. 30, No. 4.

Edwards, Whit; *The Prairie Was On Fire*;

Gaines, W. Craig; “The Great Wagon Train Raid;” *Wild West*, December, 1991.

Hatch, Thom; *The Blue, The Grey, and the Red*

Hauptman, Laurence M.; *Between Two Fires: Indians In The Civil War*; © 1995, The Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster, New York.

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Nichols, David A. *Lincoln and the Indians: Civil War Policy and Politics*; © 2012, Minnesota Historical Society Press, St., Paul, Minnesota.

Rampp, Lary C. and Donald L. Rampp; *The Civil War in the Indian Territory*; © 1975, Presidential Press, Austin.

Shoemaker, Arthur; “Hard Rope’s Civil War;” *Civil War Times Illustrated*; September/October, 1990; Vol. 29, No. 4.

Materials Introduction- briefly describe the provided materials- this could be photos, primary documents, scientific data, maps, etc. (in rich text):

Materials details (create additional material detail blocks if needed):

Material #1

Title (255 characters maximum):

Summary (how does the material function in the lesson?):

Image, optional (1-5000 px w X 1-5000 px h, 6,144 KB maximum):

Alt text for image (150 characters maximum):

Is there a downloadable file of this material? If yes, provide filename and location:

Material #2

Title (255 characters maximum):

Summary (how does the material function in the lesson?):

Image, optional (1-5000 px w X 1-5000 px h, 6,144 KB maximum):

Alt text for image (150 characters maximum):

Is there a downloadable file of this material? If yes, provide filename and location:

Applicable Subjects (write in items from List of Subjects in System, Appendix A):

Related Parks:

Related NPS Programs:

Minimum grade, maximum grade (write "min" next to minimum, "max" next to maximum):

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- First Grade

- Second Grade
- Third Grade
- Fourth Grade
- Fifth Grade
- Sixth Grade
- Seventh Grade
- Eighth Grade
- Ninth Grade
- Tenth Grade
- Eleventh Grade
- Twelfth Grade
- College Undergraduate Level
- Graduate Level (Masters, PhD)
- Adult Education (General)
- General

Education standard(s) (255 characters maximum): **Relate to national standards e.g. Next Generation Science Standards, National Council for Social Studies Standards, Common Core standards, or to state benchmarks**

Applicable Keywords: