

Black Soldiers in the Civil War – Worksheet for Web Quest

Secession Slide

- 1) According to the video how many black Americans lived as slaves?
- 2) What was on the decline before the invention of the Cotton Gin?
- 3) Which cardinal direction did Southerners wish to move slavery?
- 4) In what current state did violence first take place over slavery?
- 5) Who grabbed the Republican nomination for President in May of 1860?
- 6) What was Lincoln's principle objective?
- 7) At Lincoln's inauguration what did he pledge about the Southern states?
- 8) How long after Lincoln took office were the first shots of the Civil War fired?

Causes of the War Slide

- 1) Why do you think Lincoln was so desperate to preserve the Union?
- 2) How do think our lives would be different today if the C.S.A. and the United States were still separate countries?
- 3) What was at the center of the struggle for State's Rights?

Fort Sumter Slide

- 1) When did the battle take place?
- 2) What prompted the Confederate army to fire on Fort Sumter? (I did not hear this on the video, it should be added to slide info if you want to include it)
- 3) Who commanded the Confederate troops outside the fort?

- 4) Who commanded the United States troops inside the fort?
- 5) How long did the battle last and who won?
- 6) Who gave the first orders to fire on the fort?
- 7) How many people were killed in the battle?
- 8) List the major outcomes of this battle.

Need for Soldiers Slide

- 1) What was the bloodiest day of fighting in the entire war? (do you mean DAY or battle?)
- 2) Which battle had the smallest number of casualties? (fewest)
- 3) How many casualties were there at the Battle of Gettysburg combined with the Battle of Shiloh?
- 4) What percentage of all the casualties suffered at Gettysburg were Confederate?

The Emancipation Proclamation Slide

- 1) How was the Emancipation Proclamation limited in its power?
- 2) When was the Emancipation Proclamation issued?
- 3) What did the freedom that the Emancipation Proclamation promised depend on?
- 4) How many blacks served in the army and navy as a result of this document?
- 5) Where must you go if you want to see the Emancipation Proclamation today?
- 6) How do you think the Emancipation Proclamation changed people's attitude about the war?

Black Soldiers Slide

- 1) How do you believe the war would have changed for the Confederacy had they allowed blacks to fight in their army earlier?
- 2) What Confederate general suggested the use of blacks in the Confederate government?

54th Massachusetts Slide

- 1) How did the army play a role in Civil Rights?
- 2) Why do you believe that people doubted black soldiers' abilities during the Civil War?
- 3) What President had a lot of pressure put on him to end racism following World War II?
- 4) What were the soldiers' attitudes toward each other during wartime despite their different races?
- 5) In the video when did blacks begin fighting for the United States?

Battle of Brice's Crossroads Slide 2

- 1) According to Colonel Bouton's report, how do you think he felt that his troops fought at Brice's Crossroads?
- 2) What were the black troops left to fight with?
- 3) Where did Colonel Bouton rejoin the retreating column around 11 P.M.?
- 4) What was used as an offensive weapon by the Confederacy during this battle?

Brice's Crossroads Slide 3

- 1) From which direction did Forrest's troops attack the Union?
- 2) Along which road did Forrest pursue the retreating Confederates?
- 3) Along which creek did the USCT make the final stand to cover the retreating white troops?
- 4) Which church was located northeast of the Brice's House?
- 5) What color are the Confederate troops represented by on the map?

Battle of Tupelo Slide

- 1) Which side suffered the most casualties during this battle?
- 2) What was the life blood of the Union and Confederate Army?
- 3) Who did Sherman place in charge of the search for Nathan Bedford Forrest?
- 4) What was the result of the two day battle?
- 5) How did the black troops perform at this battle?