

Parks As Classrooms

Museum Activity

4th grade

NAME: _____

Complete this worksheet and ask a park ranger or your teacher to check your answers. All answers can be found within the museum, at the Visitor Center lobby desk, or on the third floor basement level.

GEOGRAPHY DURING THE CIVIL WAR



1. Find the U.S. map in the museum case and on the map (left) Circle the major rivers. What is the capitol of Tennessee? Label your map.

2. List three reasons why these rivers were so important to Americans in the 19th century or

during the Civil War.

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3. **CONFEDERATE CANNON.** Do you see the cannon in the museum? This is an original cannon made by the T.M. Brennan Foundry in Nashville, Tennessee. A foundry is a place where guns are made, and this Nashville foundry only made a few cannons before the Union Army captured the capitol city. This means that since only a few guns were made at the Brennan Foundry, this 6-lb. gun is unique.



1. How large was the cannonball? What were cannonballs made from?

2. How did soldiers move this gun on the battlefield? How much do you think this cannon weighs?

4. **WHAT IS AN ARTIFACT?** An artifact is an item, usually uncovered at an archaeological site or battlefield, which tells us about people and the culture of those people. Artifacts might also explain something about who created or used the object.
- Sketch your favorite artifact in the museum. Why is it special to you?

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5. **SOLDIER'S BLANKET.** Find the Civil War soldier reproduction items at the lobby desk. These items are reproduction (they weren't really used during the Civil War). Circle the items that you can identify:

6.

Sewing kit

wallet

matches

mirror

toothbrush

Rubber blanket

envelope

inkwell

ink powder

cotton underwear



Find the photograph of the woman and child on the display. Why do you think this may have been special to a Civil War soldier?

What do you think was the most important item for a soldier? Why? Write your answer below:
