

Class Activity Plan
8th Grade Social Studies
Edgewood Middle School
Ninety Six, SC 29666

Title of Lesson: The Role of Ninety Six National Historic Site (Star Fort) in the American Revolution

Overview: Ninety Six figured prominently in the southern campaign of the American Revolution. The first land battle south of New England was fought here in 1775. In 1780, the British fortified the strategically important frontier town. From May 22-June 18, 1781, General Nathanael Greene with 1,000 patriot troops staged the longest siege of the Revolutionary War against 550 loyalists who were defending Ninety Six.

Objectives: Students will compare the perspectives and roles of different South Carolinians during the American Revolution, including those of political leaders, soldiers, partisans, Patriots, Tories/Loyalists, women, African Americans, and Native Americans.

Essential Questions:

- (1) Compare the perspectives and roles of different South Carolinians during the American Revolution.
- (2) Explain the roles of each of these groups and the part they played in the fighting.

Time Required: one class period (five classes)

Standards Addressed: 8-2.2

Materials

DVD: NINETY SIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Procedures:

Introduce lesson by showing students the DVD presentation (This will be done prior to the ranger's visit.) A park ranger from Ninety Six National Historic Site will be invited to visit with my eighth grade South Carolina History classes to discuss the role of our local fort in the American Revolution. The ranger will be invited to the classroom rather than the class visiting the fort due to a lack of funds.

<http://www.nps.gov/nisi/forteachers/curriculummaterials.htm>