Newspaper Narratives

The Civil War
1861 - 1865

Students will view online newspapers to learn about the Civil War. They will follow the permalinks embedded in pictures/shapes (flags) on each slide, as well as use the "Civil War" worksheet among others.

Discover the numerous links embedded within this power point, you may select a few slides to use or have students view just the slide show.

How to view the articles:
1. Students use the slides_with_notes power point
2. from the slide, click on the picture or shapes (flags)
3. then click on the zoom link, located on the right side of the page
4. locate and read the article (download to read)

Causes of the Civil War

- Economic and Social Differences between the North and the South
- State Vs. Federal Rights
- Fight between slavery and non-slave proponents
- The election of Abraham Lincoln

Vocabulary Words
- Union
- Secede
- Confederate
- Yankee
- Rebel
- Hostility
- Battle
- Slavery
- Emancipate
- Soldier
- Repeal
- Reconstruction
- Liberty
Events leading to the Civil War

Harpers Ferry
In October 1859 Brown and 18 men took over the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Brown thought the slaves would take the guns and punish their masters. He did not wait for the government to solve the issue of slavery.

Brown had received several sword and bayonet wounds, one of his sons was dead and another was dying.

Click on the flag to read about what happened.

Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln

View the pictures of President Lincoln's Inauguration & Life

Attack on Fort Sumter

The bombardment of Fort Sumter was the beginning of the Civil War.

Click on the pictures to read about the events and how it was defended. Click on the shapes (flags) to learn about the other battles that followed.
States Secede

- December 20, 1860 - South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union. Followed within two months by Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas.

- April 17, 1861 - Virginia secedes from the Union, followed within five weeks by Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

* An eleven state Confederacy with a population of 9 million, including nearly 4 million slaves is formed.

* The Union will soon have twenty-one states and a population of over 20 million.

Map of Allegiances

Use the blank U.S. map template to show the division of States.

Battle Flags

Of the many battles that were fought during the Civil War several were event turning. Click on the shapes (flags) to read more:

First Battle of Bull Run
US Merrimack & USS Monitor-1862
Shiloh
Antietam-1862
Gettysburg
Vicksburg
Chickamauga & Chattanooga-1863
Sherman’s March to the Sea
Petersburg & Appomattox, VA-1865
Soldier Supplies

Housewife sewing kit of blue wool with needle, thread, and buttons. Tobacco twist, sugar bag, coffee bag and metal can, circular lamp, and camp stove. British 1853 Pattern Enfield rifle - musket, .577 caliber also fired a .58 caliber bullet used by both the Union and the Confederacy. This canteen was said to have been used at Gettysburg. Many soldiers devised their own means so that they would be identified, i.e., slips of paper or cloth pinned inside clothing.

Gold medal with an eagle and shield below the words "WAR OF 1861" on the reverse. The reverse is stamped with the soldier's name, unit, and hometown.

Confederate uniform

Union uniform

National Museum of American History

Drummer Boys & the War

Drummer boys helped to send military signals. Many kept diaries of the different events that occurred. Click on the flag to read about "Jennie Langbein" and his life. Write your own account of "Life as a Drummer Boy".

Currency: Union & Confederate

Counterfeiting the Enemy's Money. Read the account: click the shapes (flag). Compare the Currency Similarities & Differences (see the T-chart). Do the Math Worksheet!
Capt. Dan Ellis’ Story

Of the families of the enlisted soldiers many spent months not having any news of their loved one. Brave army scouts often would face unknown dangers of the open country, of being shot by wanderers', deserters' or being captured and imprisoned by the rival side.

Click on the shapes (flags) to read about Capt. Dan Ellis’s story (navigate to the right most side of the newspaper).

Do the Close Activity Worksheet. A sample is given below:

(remove the __ to reveal the correct term).

I found a __ which I at once loosed from its __ and __ the river in it; then, pushing forward by daylight, I got into a range of lofty and __ ridges, where I am confident no __ ever thought about going in search of renegade __ men.

Terms: rugged crossed canoe rebel moorings union

Almost four years after the fall of Fort Sumter the Civil War came to an end

Outcomes

- Both the North and South experienced major victories and defeats.
- Over 620,000 soldiers were killed either by battle or disease, 50,000 amputees returned home
- Homes and plantations were burned down in the South, fields un-attended, Confederate money worthless with much of the industry and infrastructure in ruins
- Many Northerners were angry with the South

President Lincoln Assassinated!

Click on the flag to read the details.
Reconstruction

- Freedmen’s Bureau established to assist former slaves: gave food, clothing, medical care and set up schools
- 14th Amendment was passed, all blacks citizens of the US: any laws against them were unconstitutional.
- Black Codes: many states in the South passed laws restricting African Americans from voting, getting jobs, owning lands and going to school
- Carpetbaggers: a group of Northerners for power and money: took money to pass laws and help certain people in the South. Most were looking out for themselves

American History Civil War

- The Civil War (1861 – 1865)
- A defining moment for the Nation?
- What do you think?