

TAH LESSON PLAN

TITLE: Create an Annotated Civil War Photo Album
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GRADE: 8

LENGTH OF CLASS PERIOD: Five 50 minute class periods

INQUIRY: Students will use documents and photos from Connecticut History on Line to locate primary source pictures and annotate the photos about Connecticut citizens who served during the Civil War.

CONTENT OBJECTIVE: Students will locate and document pictures of Connecticut soldiers serving during the Civil War.

MATERIALS: Time in the computer lab or use of the lap top cart; photo album page designed by the students on construction paper; computer access to Connecticut History Online: <http://www.cthistoryonline.org/> ; post-it notes.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Students will spend two class periods examining photos and documents from the Connecticut History Online web site and locate and research at least 10 Connecticut soldiers or groups of soldiers serving in the Civil War. Once at the website, students should search on “Civil War Photographs” for their pictures.
2. Students will print out the pictures of their chosen soldiers from the website and take research notes on their lives and their service on the third day.
3. On day 4 the students should attach the photos and annotate their pictures on the album pages which they create from black or brown construction paper. All the pages can then be put together with a cover and title chosen by the students.
4. On day 5 the class will then share their albums through a Gallery Walk where they display their work and students make positive comments on their albums by using colorful post-it notes.

ASSESSMENT: Both student and teacher will complete a rubric established for the photo album. The comments on the post-it notes from the Gallery Walk will also be used to assess the students' work.

NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____

CIVIL WAR PHOTO ALBUM RUBRIC

	STUDENT SCORE	TEACHER SCORE	TOTAL
10 Photos included (4 pts each)	_____	_____	_____
Title of the album (5pts)	_____	_____	_____
Documentation (4 pts each)	_____	_____	_____
Paraphrasing (15 pts)	_____	_____	_____
		TOTAL SCORE	_____