

Helping Students Analyze Multiple Perspectives and the Civil War

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In this two to three week unit, students will dig deep in exploring the Civil War. Students will be introduced to the war and the reasons behind it. Once they have learned what the war is about, they will explore multiple perspectives of people the war affected, including: both Confederate and Union soldiers, African American Slaves and Women in the war. As they explore different accounts, look at primary sources and discuss reasons that motivated these different sides, they will become well versed at how one event in time can have multiple perspectives and points of view. After students are done exploring, they will choose one side and create a character from the past. They will do more independent research on the side they chose, and create a presentation that fits their learning style. They can write a diary entry, make a presentation, film a movie or present as the character themselves. The purpose of this unit is to help students understand multiple viewpoints, and gain a better understanding of how people are motivated and driven by their surroundings.