

Lesson Plan on Important Citizens in the American Civil War

Introduction:

In this activity, students will learn the basics about important citizens from both sides of the American Civil War, as well as research to learn more about the life of each man.

Illinois Educational Standards Addressed:

16.A.3a Describe how historians use models for organizing historical interpretation (e.g., biographies, political events, issues and conflicts).

16.A.3b Make inferences about historical events and eras using historical maps and other historical sources.

16.A.3c Identify the differences between historical fact and interpretation.

16.C.3c (W) Describe the impact of technology (e.g., weaponry, transportation, printing press, microchips) in different parts of the world, 1500 – present.

16.A.4a Analyze and report historical events to determine cause-and-effect relationships.

16.A.4b Compare competing historical interpretations of an event.

16.A.5a Analyze historical and contemporary developments using methods of historical inquiry (pose questions, collect and analyze data, make and support inferences with evidence, report findings).

Objectives:

Learn about some of the important citizens of the Union and Confederacy.

Know what effect these people had on the war and what effect the war had on them.

Know what these people gave to the war.

In the classroom:

Divide the class in half, one half is the Union, one half is the Confederacy.

Have students separately or in small groups each choose or be assigned a different citizen from their side.

For the Union, choose from:

Barnard, George N. (1819– 1902), photographer

Barton, Clara, (1821–1912), nurse

Brady , Mathew B. (1823–1896), photographer

Brown, John, (1800–1859), abolitionist

Douglass, Frederick, (1818–1895), abolitionist

Ericsson, John, (1803–1889), designer of USS Monitor

Gardner , Alexander (1821 – 1882), photographer

Garrison, William L., (1805–1879), abolitionist

Greeley, Horace, (1811–1872), publisher of New York Tribune

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Howe, Julia Ward, (1819–1910), writer of the Battle Hymn of the Republic
O'Sullivan, Timothy H. (1840–1882), photographer
Nightingale, Florence, (1820–1910), inspired US Sanitary Commission

For the Confederacy, choose from:

Booth, John Wilkes, (1838–1865), assassin of Abraham Lincoln
Chesnut, Mary, (1823–1886), diarist
Cook, George S. (1819–1902), photographer
James, Frank, (1843–1915), guerilla fighter
James, Jesse W., (1847–1882), guerilla fighter
Mudd, Samuel A., (1833–1883), physician, assisted John Wilkes Booth
Quantrill, William C. (1837–1865), leader of Quantrill's Raiders
Younger, Cole, (1844–1916), guerilla fighter

At the library:

Have students research their person and answer these questions:

1. Why is this person famous and how was he or she important to the American Civil War?
2. Name at least five important facts about this person.
3. If you could ask this person three questions, what would they be? What do you think their answers would be?

**Resources at the Pritzker Military Library:
(also available through interlibrary loan from your local library)**

Barton, Clara, (1821–1912), nurse

Oates, Stephen B. *A woman of valor: Clara Barton and the Civil War*. New York: Free, 1994. Call Number: E621.O24 1994.

United States. National Park Service. *Clara Barton: Clara Barton National Historic Site, Maryland*. Washington, DC : The Division, 1981.

Call Number: HV569.B3 U65 1981.

Brown, John, (1800–1859), abolitionist

Glover, Danny. *John Brown's war* [videorecording]. Alexandria, VA :Time-Life, 1994. Call Number: E468.7 1994.

Peterson, Merrill D. *John Brown: the legend revisited*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia, 2002. Call Number: E451.B8786 P47 2002.

Reynolds, David S., 1948-. *John Brown, abolitionist: the man who killed slavery, sparked the Civil War, and seeded civil rights*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf,

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Douglass, Frederick, (1818–1895), abolitionist

Glover, Danny. *Frederick Douglass* [videorecording]. Alexandria, VA: Time-Life, 1995. Call Number: E468.7 1994.

McFeely, William S. *Frederick Douglass*. Norwalk, CT: Easton, 1990.

Call Number: E449.D75 M374 1995.

Ericsson, John, (1803–1889), designer of USS Monitor

Richie, Jason, 1966-. *Weapons: designing the tools of war*. Minneapolis: Oliver Press, c2000. Call Number: U815 .R53 2000.

Booth, John Wilkes, (1838–1865), assassin of Abraham Lincoln

Steers, Edward. *Blood on the moon: the assassination of Abraham Lincoln*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2005. Call Number: E457.5 .S788 2005.

Swanson, James L. *Manhunt: the twelve-day chase for Lincoln's killer*. New York:

William Morrow, 2006. Call Number: E457.5 .S993 2006.

Mudd, Samuel A., (1833–1883), physician, assisted John Wilkes Booth

Steers, Edward. *His name is still Mudd: the case against Doctor Samuel Alexander Mudd*. Gettysburg, PA: Thomas Publications, 1997.

Call Number: E457.5 .S84 1997.

Quantrill, William C. (1837–1865), leader of Quantrill's Raiders

Petersen, Paul R., 1949-. *Quantrill of Missouri: the making of a guerrilla warrior: the man, the myth, the soldier*. Nashville, TN: Cumberland House, 2003.

Call number: E470.45.P48 2003.

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