**Civil War Frame/Picture/Letter**

The purpose of this project is to explore differing perspectives of an important Civil War battle as well as create a sense of empathy for this time period and those who played a part in America’s Civil War.

Step 1 : Create a character. Have a picture taken in period costume. Frame it.

Step 2: Research the battle. What’s happening in the battle? What’s happening locally? What’s happening in the state? What’s happening in the United States?

Step 3: Write a **historical fiction narrative in the form of a letter** from 1st person POV. 1-2 pages single spaced. Size 12 font.

Step 4: Extension. Create a podcast of your narrative for an extension activity.

Choose your own adventure

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| **Characters** | **Battles** | **Miscellaneous** |
| Choose a character from the following list | Choose a battle from the following list. Research this battle and answer the following questions | Incorporate some of these miscellaneous topics into your narrative to give your story more depth and historical accuracy. |
| Union Soldier  Confederate Soldier  Army Surgeon or nurse  Laundry woman or army cook  Local (a person that lives in a nearby town that witnesses the battle but does not fight in it)  African American fighting for the North  Slave working for the Confederate Army  Clean up crew (buries the dead after a battle) for North or South | Who is involved? Who won? Who were the leaders?  What was the battle strategy? What happened?  When and where did the battle take place?  Why was this an important battle? Impact on the war?  How many people died/ injured/ deserted?  Is war ever justified?  What’s your opinion of war? Has war changed you?  Include any additional interesting facts. | Camp life  Currency/confederate  Money  Uniforms  Men’s and Women’s Clothing  Weapons  Civil War flags  Prisoner of war camps  Photography/Matthew Brady |
| After picking a character, express his/her point of view on such topics as “should the states stay together , slavery, as what his/her opinions and feelings may have been at this time. | Fort Sumter, Bull Run, Monitor vs. Merrimack, Shiloh, 7days battle (1st Richmond), Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Sherman’s march to the sea, Petersburg/Richmond | Include something of a personal nature. Write about a friend, relatives in the battle, |

Character:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Extension for extra credit.**

**Written historical fiction narrative of your letter presented in a podcast**

You are writing a historical fiction narrative in the form of a letter that will be presented to the class in a podcast. Your story must answer the questions assigned. Apply music in the background. Remember that historical fiction is always backed with good research, including actual events, people, and statistics.

**Presentation to class in a podcast:**

You will present your project to the class with your podcast.

Your podcast must be 2-3 min long.