

Scenario: This time Mr. Ruppert's time machine takes you back to April 9, 1965. What is so significant about this date? Well, it is none other than the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the Civil War, as General Grant accepted General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House in Virginia on April 9, 1865.

Your Job: You and your partners are going to create an authentic looking special edition newspaper which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the end of the war.

Procedures:

1. You will be allowed to choose your groups for this project (3 or 4 students per group). Warning -- your friends are not always the best people to work with to maximize your efforts! BE SMART! At the end of this assignment, you will be asked to describe your contributions to the paper and to comment on the efforts of your partners. Another consideration is that you may want to work with classmates who live relatively close to you so that it will be simple to work on your project together away from school.
2. You will be randomly assigned to write your newspaper to either commemorate the Union or Confederate war effort.
3. Your newspaper must contain a minimum of 8 news articles and 1 cartoon (this IS THE MINIMUM). Each article should be approximately 2/3 to 1 page in length (before being formatted to fit in the newspaper)
 - 2 on military/political leaders from your assigned side
 - 2 on specific battles written from the perspective of your assigned side
 - 2 on your choice of any topic

Exs: prison camps, weaponry and supplies, daily soldier life, medical treatment, role of African-Americans, songs and music, a particular brigade or division -- THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ALMOST ENDLESS!!!

 - 2 editorial letters on an issue from the perspective of your assigned side. (Ex: Southern view of the Emancipation Proclamation / Northern view on events of Grant's March to the Sea)
 - 1 political cartoon (drawn by you) which presents a major idea/factor about the Civil War.
4. A) Newspaper must be completed on either 8 1/2 X 11 or 8 1/2 X 14 paper. (Folding larger paper is OK)
B) Newspaper must have a name (Ex: The Northern Yankee), a slogan (Ex: "All the news that's fit to print") and must be identified as a "special commemorative edition" with April 9, 1965 as the date of issue.
C) Newspaper must have a front-page title headline, each article must have a headline, the author of each article must be identified, and the pages must be numbered.
D) Newspaper must have three columns per page. Articles do not have to end on the page they started.
E) As with any good newspaper, visual content is required -- So if one of your articles is about Robert E. Lee, you would obviously want to include a photo of him along with the article.
F) Beyond these instructions, you may organize your paper as you wish (Different Sections???)
G) Be creative with your research!!! Find topics / people that maybe not everyone knows about and/or are not covered by your textbook. Discuss the "layout" even before writing your articles. (Font sizes, column widths, division of work, does anyone have any special skills?, etc.)
H) A proper bibliography is required / 4 sources minimum / only 1 can be an encyclopedia
5. Beyond the minimum requirements listed in Procedure #3 above, you are free to add anything additional to your newspaper you wish to as long as it pertains to the Civil War. Therefore there is no maximum as to how large your newspaper may be.

Possible Ideas: Battle maps of the particular battles you write articles about, Advertisements (maybe one for an "honest" undertaker), Strange facts about the Civil War, Charts showing casualties, a chronology of major battles, Civil War food recipes, AGAIN, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ALMOST ENDLESS!!! BE CREATIVE!!!
6. You will have time to work on this assignment in class, but plan to meet outside of class to ensure AN AWESOME FINISHED PRODUCT!!!