



Major U.S. Civil War Battles

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- Battle of Fort Sumter
- First Battle of Bull Run
- Battle of Shiloh
- Second Battle of Bull Run
- Battle of Antietam
- Battle of Gettysburg
- Battle of Appomattox Court House

Other Significant Battles

- Battle of Fort Henry
- Battle of Vicksburg
- Sherman's March to the Sea
- Battle of Chancellorsville

Suggested Presentation Media

- Comic Book
 - A story is told chronologically with detailed images
 - Successive moments of story are captured in boxes or frames
 - Images show details of what is happening in that moment
 - Characters' dialogue and thoughts are shown using speech and thought bubbles
- Screenplay
 - A written script told scene by scene for what would be acted out on stage or in a movie
 - Characters are listed at the beginning, each scene begins with a description of setting
 - Movement and narration are included as instructions in the script
 - Script also includes a character's name, then the words spoken by that character
- Video/Skit
 - A skit is acted out live, while a video is acted out but recorded
 - More technology required for a video (at least, a camera that can record, possibly video editing software)
 - Should be planned ahead of time with a script or screenplay and rehearsed
- Powerpoint
 - Information provided on successive slides rather than in story format



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Student Instructions

Throughout the Civil War, the Union and the Confederacy engaged in some of the bloodiest battles ever to occur on U.S. soil. To better understand these battles and how they factored in to the overall outcome of the war, you will become an expert on one battle. You will choose a visual medium in which to present your battle with the class.

The Task

1. Select a battle with your group, based on the list provided by your teacher.
2. Decide on what presentation method or medium you will use.
3. Research information on your battle or war using Front Row articles, books, and online searches, if your teacher has allowed. (<http://www.civilwar.org/maps/animated-maps/>)
4. Brainstorm, plan, and draft your presentation based on the method you chose.
5. Revise and edit your draft for accuracy, grammar, and spelling.
6. Practice your presentation.

The Rubric

Your final product will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Completeness of information:** Did you include all relevant events, causes and effects, people involved, settings, and details about the battle?
- **Accuracy of information:** Is your information accurate and correct? Is it clear that you did your research and understood the war?
- **Logical organization of ideas:** Is your work chronological? Does the way you presented it make sense?
- **Creativity:** Did you show creativity in your presentation? Did you use dramatization, appropriate artifacts and props, images, etc. as needed?



Major U.S. Civil War Battles Student Notetaker

Battle: _____ **Date(s):** _____

Goals of the Battle	
Armies / Generals Involved	
Major Events	
Outcome	
Impacts / Aftermath	
Additional Notes	