

Civil War Project

Each child must choose from one of the following topics:

1. A Famous Speech - Imagine you are a newspaper reporter attending the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg during which Lincoln gave his famous speech, the Gettysburg Address. Write a newspaper article for the events; include a drawing and a copy of the Gettysburg Address.
2. The Drinking Gourd - Runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad were told to follow the drinking gourd (another name for the Big Dipper). Write a report explaining why this constellation was called a drinking gourd and why it was important to these travelers. You must include a drawing of an example map or route they might have used and a picture of the Big Dipper.
3. Uniform Problems - Several hundred soldiers died of heatstroke during the Civil War. Find out what the uniforms were made out of for both sides. Write a proposal to Lincoln or Davis suggesting changes in the uniforms to keep the troops more comfortable in hot weather. Include a picture of both sides' uniforms.
4. Women's Work - Although few women actually fought in the battles of the Civil War, many women served as spies for the North or the South. Choose either Belle Boyd (Southern Spy) or Sarah Edmonds (Northern spy). Write a report including a picture about them and what they did during the war. Also create a message in code from one of these women.

Each child must include all of the information asked above as well as any other creative things he/she may want to incorporate into their projects. The projects must be presented in a form of folder or report cover. All reports are due no later than _____. Failure to turn in the project will result in a Zero on a Social Studies Test grade.

Please Sign and return no later than _____.

My child, _____, will be working on the following topic

_____ to turn in by _____.

Sign _____
Parent