

West Virginia Studies Resource Development

Title of Lesson: Civil War Battles in West Virginia
Grade level: 8th Grade (West Virginia Studies)
Summary: Students will learn about the engagements and battles that occurred in West Virginia during the American Civil War. Students will use the West Virginia Encyclopedia to learn facts about each battle in the state.
WV CCR Social Studies Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SS.8.22: Demonstrate an understanding of the American Civil War including its causes, effects and the major events that led to West Virginia statehood.• Explain the effect of key events leading to western Virginia's separation from Virginia after secession (e.g., First and Second Wheeling Conventions and John Brown's Raid).• Describe the moral, ethical and legal tensions that led to the creation of the new state of West Virginia and how these tensions were resolved (e.g., Virginia vs. West Virginia 1871).• Compare and contrast the military strategies of the North and South with regard to specific events and geographic locations in West Virginia (e.g., the Battle of Philippi, Rich Mountain, Droop Mountain, Battle of Scary Creek and Battle of Carnifex Ferry).• Identify significant contributions of men and women of West Virginia during the Civil War and identify the roles of ethnic and racial minorities.
Students will know and understand (content): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What battles of the American Civil War were fought in West Virginia?• Where in West Virginia did the fighting occur during the American Civil War?• What key events of the American Civil War occurred in West Virginia?
Students will be able to do (skills): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will compare and contrast the military strategies of the North and South with regard to specific events and geographic locations in West Virginia;• Identify key battles in the Civil War in Western Virginia and identify their significance to the war effort of both the Confederacy and the Union;• Identify the location of the fighting in western Virginia;• Locate the sites of Civil War Battles on a map of the state;• Identify key events of the American Civil War that occurred in the state of West Virginia
Materials & Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Virginia in the Civil War Video clip from the American Battlefield Trust• West Virginia Encyclopedia• Computer Lab• Civil War Battles Chart• West Virginia Department of Tourism Civil War video• Map of West Virginia

Learning Plan:

1. Start class by showing students the introduction video of West Virginia in the Civil War from the WV Department of Tourism from the WV Tourism website to introduce the battles that took place in the Mountain State. The link to the video on Youtube is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJrhlvneu70>.
2. Ask students to identify what key events they believe of the American Civil War occurred in West Virginia. Show students the video clip “West Virginia in the Civil War” by the American Battlefield Trust. The link to the video is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQif0X2mxXw>.
3. Students will then log onto the computers in the computer lab and go to the following website: <http://americancivilwar.com/statepic/wv.html> to complete the Civil War Battles in West Virginia chart using the information from the website.
4. Students will need to click on each link for the 15 battles using the website to identify the location (county) of the battle, the date of battle, the principal commanders for both the north and the south, the estimated casualties, and the result of the battle. Students may also use the West Virginia Studies textbook and the West Virginia Encyclopedia articles (<https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/articles/alphabetical>)
5. After completing the chart have students use the blank map of West Virginia and label each battle on the map of the state.

Checking for Understanding:

Students will be evaluated on their ability to complete the Civil War Battles in West Virginia chart to learn information about each battle that took place in West Virginia. Students will work on the computer in the computer lab and complete the chart using a specific website and resources such as the West Virginia Encyclopedia and the West Virginia Studies textbook. Students will be also evaluated on their ability to participate in a class discussion as well as identify the key events of the American Civil War on a map of West Virginia.

Accommodations:

Through this lesson there are modifications that need to be made with a diverse group of students. There are modifications that are listed on specific student’s IEPs in regards to this lesson and class work. It will be crucial to keep the students on task and organized during the class period. The teacher will keep the students on task by constantly walking throughout the room to check on the student’s progress through the lesson and will create handouts or write lists on the white board that will direct the students step-by-step to let them know what is coming next within the class period.

If students have learning disabilities in the area of reading, the teacher will modify how students will read the text selections with the text being read aloud by either the teacher or other students in the class or by using the audio recordings from the textbook if the teacher has access. The teacher will also read directions aloud and repeat the directions several times throughout the class period. Redirection will be used to keep students on task during instructional time. The teacher will walk around the room during the lesson to answer any questions one-on-one with the students and also to assist them in reading the material they may have difficulty reading. Extended time may be given to students during class activities and homework assignments if needed and recommended in their IEPs.

High Level Learners: Students will identify the historical significance of each battle and identify the cause and effect relationship between the events that occurred in West Virginia and the outcome of the war on a national stage.

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Directions: Go to <http://americancivilwar.com/statepic/wv.html> or <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/> to find information on fifteen battles that were fought in West Virginia. Record the information on the following chart.

Name of Battle	Location (County)	Date of Battle	Principal Commanders	Estimated Casualties	Result
Camp Allegheny					
Carnifex Ferry					
Cheat Mountain					
Droop Mountain					
Greenbrier River					
Harpers Ferry					
Hoke's Run					

Kessler's Cross Lanes					
Moorefield					
Philippi					
Princeton Courthouse					
Rich Mountain					
Shepherdstown					
Keyser					
Summit Point					