2010 Back to History Lesson Plan
“Dominion of War”

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Instructional Unit: Civil War
Title of Lesson: Role of Technology
Grade Level: 5
Description: Discussion and research of the technology developed and used during the Civil War.
Standards: Include Standard, History: # 1
Benchmark Letters, and GLI numbers Social Studies Skills/Research: #1, 3
Duration: 5 days

Materials and Resources:


Primary Source Materials:

Communication:


Medical Care:


Weaponry:


Warm Up:

1. Discuss the causes of the Civil War.

2. Read and discuss *Pink and Say*.

3. Discuss ways technology could be improved.

4. Complete a comparison and contrast writing assignment discussing the technology of the time compared to today's technology.

Instructional Strategies:

1. Whole group discussion

2. Brainstorming in small group setting (discussing ways technology differs today.)

3. Individual research on application of technology of that time period.

Homework and Practice:

Complete a one-page report on the technology researched.

Assessment Question:

What were some of the advancements made to existing technology during the Civil War?

Re-teach Activity:

Students will depict two drawings on the same sheet of paper. One drawing will show technology of the Civil War era, the second drawing will show related technology of today. A caption will then be added to tell of the relationship.

Extension Activity:

Research which technologies of the Civil War were advanced and developed, which ones were short-lived and why.