

We have studied opinions and points of view of both the North and the South before and during the Civil War. We have also studied the events leading up to and the events that caused the Civil War. You will create a project to show these different opinions and points of view. You will collaborate with a partner for this project, but you will each be responsible for different parts of the assignment and you will be graded individually. This assignment is worth 200 points and you will be doing most of the work in class. In fact, you have already done much of it during our studies. Follow the steps, and you will have no trouble.

Step one: Choose a method of presentation

Although the projects will include much of the same work, you have a choice in how to present the information. Choose one of the following and turn your choice into your teacher.

1 - Quilts were a big part of the culture during the early days of the United States. You will create an eight-block paper quilt to show points of view and opinions from the North and the South for the following topics: culture before the war, slavery, life during the war, and the end of the Civil War. The blocks will include pictures, words, and quotes. To show cause and effect, you will create a timeline as a border for your quilt.

2 - History and current events has multiple points of view. For this project, you and your partner will jump back in time to record a news cast to show points of view and opinions from the North and the South. Your newscast will include segments for the following topics: Culture before the war, slavery, life during the war, and the end of the Civil War. Each segment will include quotes from the text, interviews from various characters from history, and summaries of each segment. As part of your newscast, you will create a digital timeline to show dates and events leading up to the Civil War. You will record your presentation in iMovie and edit it for presentation.

3 - Letters are one of the most authentic ways we can learn about the people of history. You and your partner will each develop a character who might have lived during the Civil War, one from the North and one from the South. You will write and exchange a series of letters as pen pals. Your letter topics will include culture before the war, slavery, the beginning of the Civil War, and the end of the Civil War. Include dates, quotes, sketches, feelings, observations, and opinions in your letters. Include dates of important events to show a sequence of events and cause and effect of the Civil War. Your letters must be neatly handwritten and presented on a poster.