



Manatee Village Historical Park
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Manatee County Historical Commission
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Historical Resources Division

Civil War Activity Book

Answer Key

What's For Dinner?

You were asked to think of reasons why it was hard to provide fresh food to soldiers during wartime. Answers will vary.

Some examples might include:

- No way to store food long term (no refrigerators)
- Blockades made getting food supplies difficult

Blockade Running Math Break

1. During the Civil War the southern coastline was a total of 3500 miles and 1400 miles of that coastline belonged to Florida. Excluding Florida, how many miles made up the rest of the southern states' coastline?

Answer: 2,100 miles

$$\begin{array}{r} 3500 \\ - 1400 \\ \hline 2100 \end{array}$$

2. There are 5280 feet in 1 mile. During the Civil War the Union Navy blocked 1400 miles of Florida's coastline. How many **feet** of Florida's coastline did the Union Navy block?

Answer: 7,392,000 feet

$$1400 \times 5280 = 7,392,000$$

Madam Joe Atzeroth

You were asked to think like Madam Joe and list some ways you would make sure you had enough supplies to last through a difficult time. Answers will vary.

Some examples might include:

- Hiding supplies
- Stocking up on supplies
- Growing your own food

John Riggin, Jr.

You were asked to examine the photograph of John Riggin, Jr.'s gravestone to look for clues about his military rank.

Answer: **Brigadier General**

John was promoted to Brevet Brigadier General after the war in recognition of his service.



Identification Station!

1. A political cartoon from 1861.

Answer: Primary

2. A chapter from your History textbook that describes the Battle of Gettysburg.

Answer: Secondary

3. A newspaper article written in 1863 by a journalist who witnessed the Battle of Gettysburg.

Answer: Primary

4. The Emancipation Proclamation (a document written in 1863).

Answer: Primary

5. Aerial photography of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Answer: Secondary

6. A documentary about naval blockades during the Civil War.

Answer: Secondary

Dig Deeper Using Primary Sources

You were asked to answer analysis questions about a historical photograph.

Since your answers are based on your observations there are no right or wrong answers for this activity.

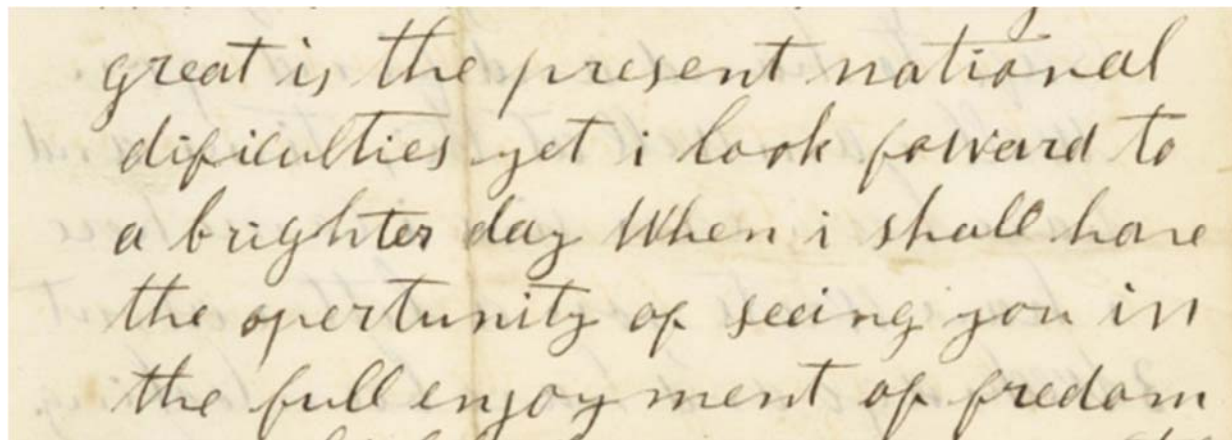
Write Like a Victorian Historian

You were asked to review the cursive chart and practice writing in cursive.

There are no right or wrong answers for this activity.

History Mystery! Can You Read This Letter?

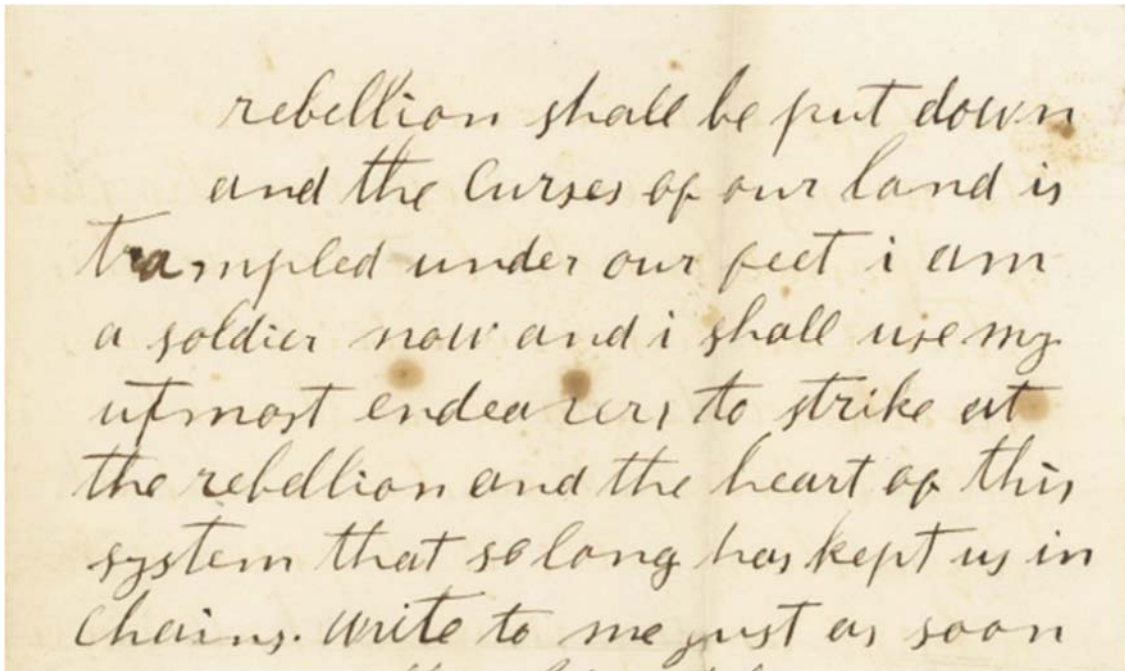
1.



Answer:

great is the present national difficulties yet i look forward to a brighter day When i shall have the opportunity of seeing you in the full enjoyment of freedom

2.

A photograph of a piece of aged, yellowed paper with handwritten text in cursive. The text is written in dark ink and is slightly faded and blurry. The paper has some brown spots and a textured appearance. The handwriting is somewhat slanted and expressive.

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and the curses of our land is
trampled under our feet i am
a soldier now and i shall use my
utmost endeavors to strike at
the rebellion and the heart of this
system that so long has kept us in
chains. write to me just as soon

Answer:

rebellion shall be put down and the curses of our land is trampled under our feet i am a soldier now and i shall use my utmost endeavor to strike at the rebellion and the heart of this system that so long has kept us in chains. unite to me just as soon