

## **Civil War Lesson Reflection**

### **Description**

This lesson was designed for an 8th grade U.S. History class and is aligned with the Ohio Content Standards in Social Studies. The content standard highlights the importance of students to understand the sectional differences that divided the North and the South prior to the American Civil War and how the period of Reconstruction shaped the United States. The WBLS helps students to understand the cause and effects of the war, significant consequences the Civil War had on the early United States and the overall impact this time period had in terms of US history. The WBLS explores the key concepts associated with the Civil War and illustrates the series of events that occurred outlining how the Civil War had lasting effects on the U.S. It is also our intention to develop a WBLS that correlates how the Civil War has impacted our social, political, military and technological systems and how they function in society.

### **Impact**

The WBLS was developed to align the Ohio Content Standards in Social Studies with classroom instruction using technology. The WBLS is helpful in linking historical events and impacts student learning by showing how their daily lives are affected by the historical events. The students will become educated on the Civil War and how to understand the causes and effects of it. By employing a variety of resources, the WBLS helps to integrate technology with pedagogy and content. The instructional design and interactive content of the WBLS helps to create a visual component that is sometimes missing in books and lectures. Our WBLS uses videos, informational websites, online assessments, Google Suite tools, and discussion boards to give students a variety of learning tools. The WBLS was developed to help students engage with the Civil War content being taught. The videos will provide the students with a visual learning that helps them to see the events. Informational websites will offer a variety of means for students to learn the material from the time period and see the lasting effects that the Civil War left. Google Suite offers the students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the Civil War. This

program also allows the students to develop projects that show their knowledge of the Civil War. The discussion boards help students by offering threads for the students to communicate their ideas. The discussion boards create a forum for students to share knowledge and discuss the material. This student engagement on the discussion boards help the student to work together and learn from one another while engaging on the content. The WBLS employs a variety of instructional tools and resources that helps to impact student learning. By offering a wealth of knowledge of the Civil War in the WBLS, students will be able to better understand the impact that history has on their lives.

### **Intent**

As a pre-service Social Studies teacher, I plan to use this website as part of my certification in grades 7-12. I am required to student teach in the 2021 and will complete the program requirements. This website is an effective means by creating a student-centered approach to learning. Teachers must have the understanding that students learn in different ways. With this in mind, I realize that learning a variety of instructional teaching methods will equip me as I will encounter students with various learning styles. I am eager to test the lesson. I believe that this is an excellent tool and an innovative approach to education. I understand the importance of technology, pedagogy, and content for teachers when developing lessons. This lesson is an example of how to successfully incorporate technology and social studies content.