

Article Assignments

Primary Source Perspectives of the Civil War

Introduction

You have been transported back in time to the Civil War era (1861-1865). You are a news reporter for one of the following newspapers: *Gettysburg Gazette*, *Antietam News*, *Petersburg Press*, or the *Richmond Reporter*. You and the other journalists on your staff have been assigned to report on the status of the war. Individually, you will each report on one of the sections listed below. Collectively you will publish this month's war supplement.

On the Battlefield Assignment

You are a war correspondent and have been assigned to write a 250-300 word news article reporting on one of the battles listed below. Be sure that your article captures the viewpoint/perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your news article, you will need to do some research (see the [Article Resources](#) web page).

First Battle of Bull Run, 1861

Battle of Antietam, 1862

Gettysburg Campaign, 1863

Petersburg & the War's End, 1864-65

War Life Assignment

The features editor for the Lifestyle section has given you an assignment to write a feature article reporting on the lives of soldiers during the Civil War. Select two of the categories listed below and write a 250-300 word article that captures the viewpoint/perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your feature article, you will need to do some research (see the [Article Resources](#) web page).

Camps

Hospitals

Prisons

People in the News Assignment

The features editor for the People in the News section has given you an assignment to write a feature article on one or two important individuals. Select one or two people from the list below and write a 250-300 word article that has a “slant” based on the perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your feature article, you will need to do some research (see the [Article Resources](#) web page).

Union General Ulysses S. Grant

Confederate President Jefferson Davis

Union General George McClellan

Confederate General Robert E. Lee

Union General William T. Sherman

Confederate General Stonewall Jackson

Union Colonel Robert Gould Shaw

Confederate Spy Rose O’Neal Greenhow

Photographer Mathew Brady

Nurse Clara Barton

African American Soldiers Assignment

The features editor for the African American Soldiers section has given you an assignment to write a 250-300 word feature article on the involvement of African Americans in the war. Be sure that your article has a “slant” based on the perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your feature article, you will need to do some research (see the [Article Resources](#) web page).