Virtual Field Trip Scavenger Hunt

With your partner:

1. Make a T-chart showing the difference between the Northern and Southern soldiers. Include as much info as possible on average American soldiers (ethnicities, pay scale, family background, age).

2. Compare and contrast two weapons of your choice during the Civil War. After gathering information, which weapon you would choose and explain your choice.

3. List five things on the “How they died” section that were surprising and why?

4. Create a timeline of the five deadliest battles.

* Bold the one with the most casualties.
* Circle the battle where they fought for 20 consecutive hours.
* Highlight which battle took place at the “River of death”?
* Draw people lost in a field next to the battle where 40,000 troops did not fight because they were lost.
* Star the one where the most generals were killed.

Which battle lasted the longest?

Which general was shot by his own men on accident?

What is a casualty?

Which fighting unit had the highest casualty rate in the war?

5. Which side spent the most money?

* How much per day did the Union spend?
* Describe a confederate bill and what makes it different than our printed money today. Was there anything that stood out to you?

6. West Point was considered the ultimate military training academy of the United States at that time (some might still consider it to be so today). Which side had the advantage of experience through the most West Point-trained officers? How would this make an impact on the war?

What key West Point graduate served as a top general in the south? What was his class ranking and what might that say about his skill at war? What advantage did this give the south?

In a rush to fulfill a demand for officers in the war, how did West Point accommodate the needs of our nation?

7. Go to the EXPLORE TOPICS tab and choose any subject. Name the topic here and give a summary of what you learned as you explored.