CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS LESSON PLAN UNIT
Grade Level: Middle and High School
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4th United States Colored Infantry at Fort Lincoln, Courtesy of the Library of Congress
Lesson Plan 1

A SOLDIER’S LIFE: FROM RECRUITMENT TO THE BATTLEFIELD

**Duration:** Three 90 minute class periods

**Goal(s):**

a) To have students identify and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of recruitment practices between the North and South during the Civil War.
b) To make connections between the past and the present military practices.
c) To interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. To evaluate and discuss issues orally and in writing.
d) To develop students’ knowledge and deepen understanding of the Civil War practices between the North and the South.

**Virginia Standards of Learning:**

USI.9 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes, major events, and effects of the Civil War by:
f) describing the effects of war from the perspectives of Union and Confederate soldiers (including African American soldiers), women, and enslaved African Americans.

VUS.7 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era and their importance as major turning points in American history by:
e) examining the social impact of the war on African Americans, the common soldier, and the home front, with emphasis on Virginia.

**Objective(s):**

1) Upon completion of lesson students will be able to analyze primary and secondary source documents through oral dialogue and formal/informal writing.
2) Following completion of the lesson students will be able to communicate in writing and orally the differences between Civil War practices and treatment of soldiers between the North and the South.

**Materials:**

Civil War recruitment Posters
T-Chart
Think-Pair-Share
RAFT Sheet
RAFT Rubric
Access to non-fiction Civil War literature

**Instructional Activities/Procedure**

**Warm-up:** Teacher will initiate a discussion with students by asking them:
1. What method is used for recruiting individuals to the military?
2. Are different methods used to recruit different races?
3. Do recruitment tactics differ between the North and South?
**GUIDED PRACTICE:** Students will analyze a Civil War military recruitment poster by completing a poster analysis worksheet. Students will share their responses. The teacher will continue discussion with questions similar to: “What affect do you feel the description of pay will have on recruitment efforts?” How is the design of this poster different from contemporary military recruitment posters?”

**THINK-PAIR-SHARE:** The teacher will distribute two Civil War recruitment posters along with a T-Chart organizer. Students will work in groups of 2-3 to analyze the posters, identifying the similarities and differences on their T-Chart. Each grouping will share their findings with the class. The teacher will stimulate conversation about the tone, audience, and purpose of the posters.

**INVESTIGATION:** The teacher will provide students with non-fiction Civil War literature (consult with Media Specialist or visit the local library). Students will the provided literature or internet to research other differences between the treatment of African American soldiers and Caucasian soldiers. Students will record their findings using the Think-Pair-Share organizer. After students record their findings they will work with a partner to discuss their results. Each partnership will share their response with the class.

**RAFT:** Students will select one of the RAFT (Role, Audience, Format, Topic) options from the activity sheet. Students may come up with their own RAFT option with their teacher’s permission. Students will present their RAFT to the class.

**CLASS REVIEW:**
Teacher will review essential understanding through question and answer.
- What hardships were experienced by African American soldiers during the Civil War?
- How did the Civil War change the lives of soldiers, free African American, and slaves?
- How did recruitment strategies differ between the North and the South?

**ASSESSMENT:**
Students will be assessed on their RAFT product and presentation using a rubric.
**CIVIL WAR RAFT**

Your RAFT must show that you understand the following concepts:
- Diverse perspectives during the Civil War.
- Analyses of military treatment of African Americans during the Civil War.
- Differences between the North and the South during the Civil War.

Choose one of the following RAFT options:

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<td>Readers of 1863</td>
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<td>President Abraham Lincoln</td>
<td>Free African Americans</td>
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<td>Joining the Fight</td>
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<td>Self</td>
<td>Journal Entry</td>
<td>Military treatment new laws</td>
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Other Ideas? Ask your teacher for approval.
# Civil War RAFT Rubric

**(Role, Audience, Format, Topic)**

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# Photo Analysis Worksheet

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<td>1</td>
<td>What are the main colors used in the poster?</td>
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<td>What symbols (if any) are used in the poster?</td>
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| 3 | If a symbol is used, is it  
   A. Clear (easy to interpret)?  
   B. Memorable?  
   C. Dramatic?  
   ![Symbol](symbol.png) |
| 4 | Are the messages in the poster primarily visual, verbal, or both? |
| 5 | Who do you think is the intended audience for the poster? |
| 6 | What does the Government hope the audience will do? |
| 7 | What Government purpose (s) is served by the poster? |
| 8 | The most effective posters use symbols that are unusual, simple, and direct. Is this an effective poster? |
**DIRECTIONS:** Utilize the resources provided by your teachers to investigate the difference in treatment of African American soldiers during the Civil War.

- **Think**= Your Research
- **Pair**= Your Partner’s Research
- **Share**= What you and your partner will share with the class.

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WANTED!

200 NEGROES.

By direction of Lieut. Gen. Pemberton, Commanding Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana, I call upon the Planters of Lowndes and adjacent counties for Negroes to complete the fortifications.

For every negro furnished, including cooks, the Quartermaster’s department will pay $1.25 per day—owners to feed their negroes. Tents or other shelter will be provided by the Government.

Good and experienced overseers will be employed to stay with and take charge of the laborers.


JNO. ADAMS,
Col. C. S. Army.

Broadside Titled, Wanted! 200 Negroes
11/4/1862
War Department Collection of Confederate Records
Archival Research Catalog (ARC) ID: 3854716
To Colored Men!

ca. 1861 - 1865
Records of the Adjutant General’s Office
Archival Research Catalog (ARC) ID: 1497351

This poster was used to recruit recently freed slaves to fight in the Civil War for the Union Army. The men were recruited for military duty with the promise of freedom, protection and pay.

For further background information and teaching suggestions for this document, see the article The Fight for Equal Rights: A Recruiting Poster for Black Soldiers in the Civil War in the February 1992 National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) publication Social Education.

Additional Details on this Document from our Online Exhibit the Digital Vaults:
And retaliation will be our practice now . . .
After President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, the U.S. Army began recruiting black men in earnest. The Confederate government regarded captured black soldiers as fugitive slaves, not prisoners of war. It threatened to execute or sell them into slavery. This broadside reassured potential black recruits that the U.S. Government would treat all of its troops as soldiers and retaliate in the event of Confederate mistreatment of black U.S. soldiers.
To Colored Men! (page 2)
Wanted 500 Able Bodied Men Broadside,
ca. 1861
Records of the Adjutant Generals Office
Archival Research Catalog (ARC) ID: 4644610
Additional Details on this Document from our Online Exhibit the Digital Vaults:

Reaping the bounty
Earl in the war men volunteered for patriotic reasons. Later the U.S. Government began offering financial incentives. In addition to monthly pay, rations, and clothing, the Federal Government and some states paid bounties. Recruits received these lump sum payments initially $100 in installments or when they were discharged.
**DURATION:** One 90 minute class periods

**GOAL(S):**

a) To have students identify and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase comprehension of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments.
b) To make connections between the actions of the past impact on the present.
c) To interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. To evaluate and discuss issues orally and in writing.

**VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING:**

USII.3 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of Reconstruction on American life by:
a) analyzing the impact of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and
b) describing the impact of Reconstruction policies on the South and North.

VUS.7 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Civil War and Reconstruction Era and their importance as major turning points in American history by
d) examining the political and economic impact of the war and Reconstruction, including the adoption of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

**OBJECTIVE(S):**

1) Upon complete of lesson students will be able to analyze primary and secondary source documents through oral dialogue and formal/informal writing.
2) Following completion of the lesson students will be able to communicate in writing and orally the significance of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments.

**MATERIALS:**

13th, 14th, and 15th amendment (text and copies)
Conversion activity sheet
Song/Rap/Poem Rubric
Computer with internet access

**INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES/PROCEDURE**

**WARM-UP:** Teacher will review the treatment of African Americans during the Civil War and ask students what solutions would that have given to President Abraham Lincoln at the ending of the war to heal the country. The teacher will introduce the solution of amending the Constitution and advise students that is what the focus will be during the lesson.
GUIDED PRACTICE: The teacher will project original copies of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendment. Students will discuss the difference between how they were recorded compared to how documents are recorded today. Students will receive a text version of the amendments. After students have read and review the amendments they will discuss how they would have felt as an enslaved African American hearing the words written in these amendments.

AMENDMENT CONVERSION: Student will receive an amendment conversion organizer. After carefully analyzing the text students will re-write the text in modern vernacular. Students will share the impact of these amendments with a partner.

SONG/RAP/POEM: Students will have the option of working with a partner on alone to create a song, rap, or poem explaining the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments. Students may use FreePlayMusic to download free educational use music. Students should be creative and not extend their melody past 4 minutes.

CLASS REVIEW: Teacher will review essential understanding through question and answer.
• What are the basic provisions of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States?

ASSESSMENT: Students will perform their song/rap/poems for the class and be assessed through the use of a rubric.
A RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring) That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-quarters of such legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution of the United States of America:

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Approved, February 1, 1865.

Abraham Lincoln

Speaker of the House of Representatives

To Congress:

Vice President of the United States

and President of the Senate

Fortieth Congress of the United States of America;
At the First Session,
Begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the Twenty-seventh day of December, in the thousand eight hundred and seventy-first year of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the independence of the United States of America, the forty-first.

A RESOLUTION

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (being the two Houses of Congress convened,) that the following articles be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fifths of said legislatures shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely:—

Article XV.

Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

By the President of the Senate:

[-]

By the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

[-]
13th Amendment
Passed by Congress January 31, 1865. Ratified December 6, 1865.

Section 1.
Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

14th Amendment
Passed by Congress June 13, 1866. Ratified July 9, 1868.

Section 1.
All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

15th Amendment
Passed by Congress February 26, 1869. Ratified February 3, 1870.

Section 1.
The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude--

**AMENDMENT CONVERSION ORGANIZER**

**Directions:** Read each amendment and rewrite each one using modern day language.

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<td>Accuracy</td>
<td>All facts are accurate.</td>
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<td>Content</td>
<td>All information is well organized in a logical order.</td>
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<td>Melody</td>
<td>Original melody has been composed, or melody has been adapted from another composer.</td>
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<td>Message</td>
<td>The message to the viewers is clear and strong, it would have been easy for the listener to understand.</td>
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<td>Presentation</td>
<td>The musician presented the song in a clear voice. He/she made consistent eye contact with the audience.</td>
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Comments:
**DURATION:** Two 90 minute class periods

**GOAL(S):**
- a) To have students identify and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of the impact of photo journalism, artistry, and music during the Civil Rights movement.
- b) To make connections between the actions of the past impact on the present.
- c) To interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives.
- d) To evaluate and discuss issues orally and in writing.
- e) To develop students’ knowledge and deepen understanding of the prejudice and discrimination during Civil Rights movement.

**VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING:**
USII.4 The student will demonstrate knowledge of how life changed after the Civil War by:
- c) describing racial segregation, the rise of “Jim Crow,” and other constraints faced by African Americans and other groups in the post-Reconstruction South;
VUS.8 The student will demonstrate knowledge of how the nation grew and changed from the end of Reconstruction through the early twentieth century by:
- c) analyzing prejudice and discrimination during this time period, with emphasis on “Jim Crow” and the responses of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois;

**OBJECTIVE(S):**
1) Upon complete of lesson students will be able to analyze primary and secondary source documents through oral dialogue and formal/informal writing.
2) Following completion of this lesson students will be able to communicate in writing and orally the impact of photo journalist, artists, and musicians’ depiction of prejudice and discrimination during Civil Rights Movement.

**MATERIALS:**
The Press and the Civil Rights Movement Video (log-in credentials are required however, it is free to educators)
KWLH Chart
Civil Rights Movement images, paintings, and lyrics
Image Analysis form
Presentation Rubric
Civil Rights Video
Video rubric
Poster board
Markers, crayons, color pencils, etc.
Access to computers with internet connection
LCD Projector
INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES/PROCEDURES

WARM-UP: The teacher will ask students to think about a time in their lives when they were not able to do something. After students have had time to reflect the teacher will call on students to share. The teacher will then ask students how they felt. As students share they teacher will continue by asking students how they would have felt if the reason for exclusion was because of the color of their skin. The teacher will use their responses as a lead in to the lessons focus. Suggested lead in: “We have learned about the treatment of African Americans soldiers during the Civil War, and although Congress passed the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments African Americans were still treated unjustly. Today we are going to step back into their shoes during the Civil Rights Movement.”

VIDEO VIEWING ACTIVITY: Teacher will pass out the KWLH Chart. The teacher will have students write what they know about the Civil Rights Movement in the first column. After students share their responses the teacher will discussion with students some questions they have and possibly provide them with some questions to write in the second column. Students will watch a short video on the media’s capture of “Jim Crow” segregation in the South. As students watch the video the teacher will instruct students to record any answers to their questions and/or other significant facts they hear from the video. After students watch the video students will discuss what they learned. Teacher will engaged students in a discussion about the role of the media during this time. Questions teacher may ask: “What impact did the media have? What other ways could the Civil Rights Movement could have been documented?”

GROUP ACTIVITY: The teacher will arrange students in groups of 3-4 based upon interest. Each group will be assigned a photograph, picture, or song from the Civil Rights era. Visual: Students will receive a copy of the 'The Problem We All Live With,' 1963 by Norman Rockwell painting. Students will analyze the painting and read the background information. As a group the students will recreate the image in a creative manner. Musical: Students will receive a copy of the lyrics to “A Change Is Gonna Come”, 1963 by Sam Cooke or “Blowin' In The Wind”, 1963 by Bob Dylan. Each group will read and analyze the lyrics of their selected song. The students will recreate the song, while maintaining the integrity of the content.

Kinesthetic: Students will receive a copy of Will Counts 1957 photograph of Elizabeth Eckford. Students will analyze and discuss elements of the image. Student will recreate theatrical interpretation of the image.

PRESENTATION: Students will present their group activity for the class. Students’ group presentations will be assessed using the attached rubric.
VIDEO CREATION ACTIVITY: Using Animoto students will take the knowledge they gained to create a sort video capturing the prejudice and discrimination exhibited during the Civil rights Movement. Students will be able to set up a free account, upload, photos, text, audio, and video. Once completed students will be able to download their video or email to their teacher. Student video’s will be assed using a rubric.

CLASS REVIEW: Teacher will review essential understanding through question and answer.
- What impact did racial segregation have on Afrin Americans?
- How can diverse means of journalism have a positive impact on unjust attitudes and actions?
- What are some democratic challenges captured through diverse means of journalism today.

ASSESSMENT/EXIT TICKET: Student’s will complete the last column of their KWLH chart with ways in which they can acquire more information on the Civil Rights Movement and how they can use the knowledge they have gained. Students will share their response with the class.
# Civil Rights Movement

**K-W-L-H**

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**What I Know:**

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**What I Learn as I read:**

**How I can learn more**

**How I can use what I learned**
BACKGROUND:
While 137 first grade students applied to the Orleans Parish School Board to transfer to an integrated school, only a handful of girls were selected after a battery of testing and background investigations. The pupil placement law the board used was intentionally designed to weed out most applicants in an attempt to limit the extent of desegregation. Ruby’s father was concerned about the potential repercussions of challenging the status quo, but her mother eventually convinced him that the risks were worth the benefits for their own daughter and for all children.

On November 14, 1960, three students went to McDonogh No. 19, and one student, Ruby Bridges, went alone to William Frantz Elementary. Until the designated morning, the location of the school sites had not been released. Both schools were located in the Ninth Ward, an area with little political influence. Under the escort of federal marshals, Ruby rode to William Frantz Elementary and entered the school building under their protection. All day long, angry white parents removed their children from the school as Ruby and her mother waited in the front office. At the end of the first school day, the crowd outside of William Frantz was larger and louder than it had been that morning as news of Ruby’s attendance spread.

"A Change Is Gonna Come"
Sam Cooke 1963

I was born by the river in a little tent
And just like that river I've been running ever since
    It's been a long time coming
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will
    It's been too hard living, but I'm afraid to die
Cos I don't know what's out there beyond the sky
    It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will
    I go to the movie
And I go down town
    somebody keep telling me don't hang around
Its been along time coming
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will
    Then I go to my brother
And I say brother help me please
    But he winds up knockin' me
Back down on my knees
There were times when I thought I couldn't last for long
    But now I think I'm able to carry on
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gone come, oh yes it will

"Blowin' In The Wind"
Bob Dylan 1963
How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, how many times must the cannon balls fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.
Yes, how many years can a mountain exist
Before it's washed to the sea?
Yes, how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, how many times can a man turn his head
Pretending he just doesn't see?
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.
Yes, how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
Yes, how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, how many deaths will it take till he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

On September 4, 1957, an angry crowd of spectators greeted the African-American students as they attempted to attend Central High School for the first time. Elizabeth Eckford, who had not received a message to meet the other students, tried to enter the school by herself. Alone in a large crowd of hostile, jeering people, her attempts to enter the school were blocked by the Arkansas National Guard. She finally gave up and sat down at a bus stop enduring harassment from the mob until a white man and woman got her onto a bus and out of the area. Television was a recent presence in American households at the time of the Central High School desegregation episode. Across the nation, in the newspapers and on television, Americans watched Little Rock's angry mob bar the entrance of Central High School to African-American students.

http://www.nps.gov/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/crandall/CRvisual5.htm
## Civil Rights Presentation Rubric

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<td><strong>Organization</strong></td>
<td>Audience could not understand or follow presentation</td>
<td>Audience had difficulty following presentation because student jumped around.</td>
<td>Student presented information in logical sequence which audience could follow</td>
<td>Student presented information in logical, interesting sequence which audience could follow</td>
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<td><strong>Subject Knowledge</strong></td>
<td>Student did not have grasp of information; student could not answer questions about subject</td>
<td>Student was uncomfortable with information and was able to answer only rudimentary questions</td>
<td>Student was at ease with expected answers to all questions, but failed to elaborate.</td>
<td>Student demonstrated full knowledge (more than required) by answering all class questions with explanations and elaboration.</td>
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<td><strong>Mechanics</strong></td>
<td>Student’s presentation had several errors.</td>
<td>Presentation had a few errors.</td>
<td>Presentation had minimal errors.</td>
<td>Presentation had no errors.</td>
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<td><strong>Eye Contact</strong></td>
<td>Student had poor eye contact.</td>
<td>Student occasionally used eye contact.</td>
<td>Student maintained eye contact most of the time but frequently returns to notes</td>
<td>Student maintained eye contact with audience.</td>
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<td><strong>Elocution</strong></td>
<td>Student mumbled, incorrectly pronounced terms, and spoke too quietly for students in the back of class to hear.</td>
<td>Student’s voice was too low. Student incorrectly pronounced terms. Audience members had difficulty hearing presentation.</td>
<td>Student’s voice was clear. Student pronounced most words correctly. Most audience members could hear presentation.</td>
<td>Student used a clear voice and correct, precise pronunciation of terms so that all audience members could hear presentation.</td>
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<td>Presentation is a rehash of other people’s ideas and/or graphics and shows very little attempt at original thought.</td>
<td>Presentation shows an attempt at originality and inventiveness on 1-2 slides.</td>
<td>Presentation shows some originality and inventiveness. The content and ideas are presented in an interesting way.</td>
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<td>Sequencing of Information</td>
<td>There is no clear plan for the organization of information</td>
<td>Some information is logically sequenced. An occasional slide or item of information seems out of place.</td>
<td>Most information is organized in a clear, logical way. One slide or item of information seems out of place.</td>
<td>Information is organized in a clear, logical way. It is easy to anticipate the type of material that might be on the next card.</td>
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<td>Content Accuracy</td>
<td>Content is typically confusing or contains more than one factual error.</td>
<td>The content is generally accurate, but one piece of information is clearly flawed or inaccurate.</td>
<td>Most of the content is accurate but there is one piece of information that might be inaccurate.</td>
<td>All content throughout the presentation is accurate. There are no factual errors.</td>
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<td>Use of Graphics</td>
<td>Several graphics are unattractive AND detract from the content of the presentation.</td>
<td>All graphics are attractive but a few do not seem to support the theme/content of the presentation.</td>
<td>A few graphics are not attractive but all support the theme/content of presentation.</td>
<td>All graphics are attractive (size and colors) and support the theme/content of the presentation.</td>
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<td>Sounds–Planning</td>
<td>Sounds are not appropriate for the presentation.</td>
<td>Sounds that are chosen are appropriate for the topic, but some detract from the overall presentation.</td>
<td>Some planning has gone into music. Most enhance the content or “feel” of the presentation, but 1-2 seem to be added for no real reason. None detract from the overall presentation.</td>
<td>Careful planning has gone into music. All music improve the content or “feel” of the presentation.</td>
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# Civil Rights Presentation Rubric Continued

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<td>Project includes all material needed to gain a comfortable understanding of the topic. It is a highly effective study guide.</td>
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Comments:
Lesson Plan Unit Summary

The theme of the lesson unit was Civil War to Civil Rights. I believe that my lesson unit has met this criterion. The first lesson begins with concentrating on the discrimination practices towards African Americans during the Civil War. This lesson took a close look at the military recruitment practices, encompassing different historical perspectives while examining significant documents. Continuing with the focus of lesson unit theme with a concentration on discrimination, students learned about the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments. This lesson allows students to concentrate on the fundamental impact of these amendments and express their comprehension in a creative manner. Lastly, the final lesson highlighted the impact of the media, artist, musicians, and photographers had on depicting the severity of discrimination of the Civil Rights Movement.

Throughout the unit students were able to learn and express themselves in a variety of manners. Through the incorporation of technology, group activities, musical activities, graphic organizers, and much more students were exposed to important content in a way that was meaningful to them. The Virginia Standards of Learning specifically express the need for students to analyze and demonstrate comprehension of the topics addressed in this unit. An area that another teacher would need to consider when implementing this lesson would be time. Some classes may need more or less time depending on their level of efficacy for the given task.

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