

Title: An afternoon with Mary Todd Lincoln.

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Course: US History

Time Frame: 3 forty-five minute lessons

Subjects:

Civil War

Grade Levels:

5, 6

Classroom/Homework Activity to be performed:

An afternoon with Mary Todd Lincoln. An overview of Mary's life presented by Mrs. Eastman. A glimpse of the artifacts of Civil War times. A light snack with Mrs. Lincoln.

Rationale:

To give my 5th and 6th grade students an overview of the Civil War and the life of Mary Todd Lincoln.

Lesson objectives - the student will:

- Learn about the life of Mary Lincoln
- Explore Civil War artifacts
- Have a snack with Mary during a Q & A session

District, state, or national performance and knowledge standards/goals/skills met:

Students in the Appleton Area School District will learn about the history of Wisconsin, the U.S. and the world, examining change and continuity over time in order to develop historical perspective, explain historical relationships and analyze issues that affect the present and the future: A. Time, continuity and change in U.S. history. B. U.S.

cultures and cultural diversity. C. People, places and events in U.S. history. D. Process and investigation.

Secondary materials (book, article, video documentary, etc.) needed:

- Mrs. Lincoln by Catherine Clinton 2009
- Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln by Ruth Ashby 2003

Primary materials (book, article, video documentary, etc.) needed:

- Powerpoint <https://trumanlibrary.org/educ/EastmanCivilWarWoman.pptx>
- Picture of Mary Todd <https://www.docsteach.org/documents/document/mrs-abraham-lincoln>

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Full description of activity or assignment:

Students will receive the picture <https://www.docsteach.org/documents/document/mrs-abraham-lincoln> of Mary Todd and will be asked to do a quick write of who they believe the person is, why is she dressed this way, and what can they generalize about the woman in the photograph.

Next students will be introduced to a woman of the Civil War Caroline who is a fictional friend of the Lincolns. I find it easier to dress as Caroline who is a character in the book Tomorrow is a River set in Wisconsin, Chicago during the Civil War. Caroline will tell tales about Mary Todd Lincoln. This will be done in the form of a Powerpoint.

Students will go around the room and look at 30 items related to the Civil War. They will answer the assessment questions. A question and answer session will take place with an informal tea/scone party.

Full explanation of the assessment method and/or scoring guide:

scoring guide: Completed handout from artifacts

Civil War Name: _____

Look at each object and determine what it is and what it was used for in US History.

What would you call this artifact? What do you think it is used for?

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What did you learn about each artifact?

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Answers to Items I have collected:

Thirty Artifacts for Civil War Activity

- Kepi
- Haversack and contents, including
 - o Playing cards

- o Tin cup
- o Housewife
- o Prayer book
- Hardtack
- Canteen
- Reproduction bullets
- Cartlidge Purse
- Books and Pamphlets, including
 - o Military volunteer manual
 - o Amputated Foot
 - Dress and bonnet
 - #18 on piece of paper
 - o Beadle's Dime Etiquette
 - o Mourning ribbon and mourning customs
 - Cotton bolls
 - Fife
 - Belt Buckle Union/Confederacy
 - Hat Pin
 - o My Life as a Slave by Harriet Jacobs
 - o Uniforms of the Civil War
 - Bedroll
 - Reproduction Union and Confederate documents
 - Lincoln Dolls
 - Uncle Tom's Cabin
 - Reproduction Union and Confederate money
 - National Parks Brochures
 - Postcards
 - Irons

- Little Women House Postcards