

LESSON PLAN 1
Civil War
Shadows of War: Prelude to the First Memorial Day

Grade Level: 4-6

Purpose of Lesson: 1) To develop knowledge of vocabulary used during the 1800s
2) To compare and contrast the vocabulary used during the 1800s with the language of today

Student Objectives: 1) Students will be able to identify ten unfamiliar words that are used in "Shadows of War"
2) Students will be able to state the meaning of each term.
3) Students will be able to compare and contrast language used today with the language used in the 1800s.

Standards Alignment: 8.1.6 History analysis and skills development
8.2.6 Pennsylvania history
1.7.5. C. Identification of word meanings that have changed over time

Materials Needed: 1) Shadows of War: Prelude to the First Memorial Day by Janice Sweet McElhoe
2) The Writers Guide to Everyday Life in the 1800s by M. McCutcheon
3) Dictionary
4) Paper and pencils

Procedures: 1) Students will work in pairs to find ten words in Shadows of War with which they are unfamiliar.

2) They will use The Writers Guide to Everyday Life in the 1800s and/or the dictionary to identify the meaning.

(NOTE: A maximum of two words may be chosen from the glossary of Shadows of War.)

- 3) Students will list these words and record the meaning of each word
- 4) Students will use each word in a sentence different from the sentence where it was used in the story.
- 5) Students will identify which words on their list are not commonly used today.
- 6) Students will create a list of words used today that would not have been used in the 1800s.

Closure: The class will discuss differences between language of today and language of the 1800s by identifying reasons for change (Ex. communication, transportation, etc.)

Evaluation: 1) Students were able to complete a list of ten words that were used in the 1800s
2) Students were able to identify the meaning of each word.
3) Students were able to identify words that are used today
4) The class was able to compare and contrast the reasons for changes in language

NOTE: This lesson plan will require more than one class period.