

Writing Social Studies

May 4th-8th

	Writing	Social Studies	Materials Needed
Monday	Complete front of Bellwork #27	Complete Civil War Overview Page	Bell work #27 Civil War Overview Page I will be sending out a lesson video through Remind that goes with the Civil War page. It contains extra information about this topic, but watching the video is <u>optional</u> .
Tuesday		Complete Civil War in Texas Page	Civil War in Texas Page I will be sending out a lesson video through Remind that goes with the Civil War in Texas page. It contains extra information about this topic, but watching the video is <u>optional</u> .
Wednesday	Complete Back of Bell work #27		Bell Work #27
Thursday	Get some notebook paper. Write a little note to someone you live with thanking them for something nice they do for you. It can be short. You could even try some cursive if you want.		Notebook paper
Friday	Share your work with me either through a Remind photo, text, or in our Zoom meeting. If you are not able to send me anything, I will give you a call to help and check in. If you are working online only, I will see your work there.		Have your work ready to share.

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Date:

Bell Work 27

<p>She seen an elephant in the circus.</p> <p>5/4</p> <p>The tour guides' knew all about the Battle of the Alamo.</p> <p>5/4</p>	<p>While he made a ninja star Preston talked about basketball.</p> <p>5/4</p> <p>The book was called <i>The boy in the alamo</i>.</p> <p>5/4</p>
<p>Mrs. Thayer gave part of her lunch to Abby and I.</p> <p>5/4</p> <p>The band plays that song badly.</p> <p>5/4</p>	<p>Sometimes I want to eat all of the chocolate, and ice cream in my house.</p> <p>5/4</p> <p>"Fight for your lives! The bridge is burned!" exclaimed Deaf Smith.</p> <p>5/4</p>

Complete Sentences 1, Capitals 1, End punctuation 1, Neat Handwriting 1

<p>Kassie wore one of her friend's cleats on her injured foot.</p> <p>2/1</p> <p>April 9 2009 was a windy day.</p> <p>2/1</p>	<p>Kassie, had to wrap her infected toe with layers of gauze.</p> <p>2/1</p> <p>After wrapping it, she decided to run her race anyway.</p> <p>2/1</p>
<p>She ran with a limp but her face was determined.</p> <p>2/1</p> <p>She won an sixth place ribbon.</p> <p>2/1</p>	<p>She lost her shoe on the final stretch and never missed a step I was more proud of her that day than any race she ever won</p> <p>6</p>

Civil War Overview

The Civil War is an important time in our history to learn about because it had such a big impact on the history of our country for over a hundred years. In the fourth grade, we only cover an overview of the Civil War, most of which centers on Texas. Today, I just want to give you some basics.

Background to the War: Slavery

First, it is important to know that slavery is not the same as having a butler or servant. You pay a servant, and they can quit anytime. Slavery is when one person claims ownership over another person, the same way you might own a car. The slave is not paid, and they are not free to make any decisions about their lives.

Second, slavery was all about making money. People owned slaves so that they could become richer. When you own a business today, you must pay your workers. If you owned a slave, you did not have to pay. This meant that the business owner could make more profit.

Many people who owned slaves tried to justify slavery as okay to do by saying they treated their slaves nicely. However, taking away the freedom of another person is never nice.

Why Did the War Start?

The war started because many people thought slavery was wrong and wanted to make it illegal. Other people didn't want to end slavery because it would change their way of life and make it harder to make money. At the time of the Civil War, each state got to decide if they would allow slavery. The states that wanted to keep slavery were afraid that the United States was going to make it illegal to have slaves. Remember that if the United States makes a law, the states must follow it. The states that wanted to keep slavery didn't want to be bossed around by the United States, so they decided to leave the United States and make their own new country. They called their new country the Confederate States of America. However, The United States didn't believe that the states had the power to leave and make their own country.

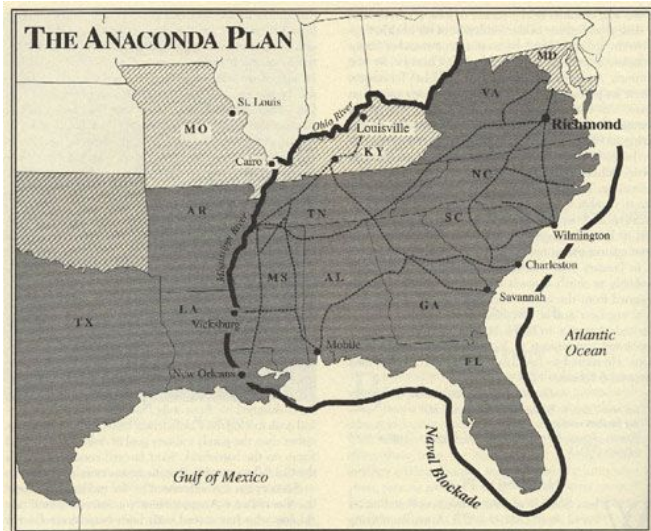
Who:



The northern states stayed a part of the United States. They were called the Union. The President of the United States was Abraham Lincoln. The President of the Confederate States of America, the south, was Jefferson Davis. The leader of the United States Army was Ulysses S. Grant. The leader of the troops for the Confederate States of America was Robert E. Lee

The Union troops were often called "yankees." The Confederate troops were often called "rebels." The north wore blue uniforms, and the south wore grey uniforms.

How:



The United States of American had more money, more troops, more supplies, and more factories than the Confederate States of America. They felt sure their victory would be quick. Their plan for victory was called the Anaconda plan. Their plan had two parts. The first part was to try and capture the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, VA. If you capture the capital and the government, you win the war. The other part was to have a giant siege around the south. Since the south had few supplies, the Union thought if they trapped off any way

of getting supplies from other countries, they would win. You can see from this map that they planned to take over the Mississippi River and any ocean port to keep the south from getting supplies. The Confederate States of America had a simple plan. Get help from other countries and capture the capital of the United States, Washington, D.C.

In the End:

In the end, the south was choked off from supplies and forced to give up after four long years of fighting. Abraham Lincoln declared an end to slavery in 1863 by signing the Emancipation Proclamation. After the Civil War ended in 1865, slavery was outlawed in all the states of the United States.

Questions:

1. What do you think about the war?

2. Why do you think Texas wasn't circled on the Anaconda Plan map?

Texas During the Civil War

At the time of the Civil War, Texas was really poor. Although there were slaves in Texas, there weren't as many as the rest of the south because few people could afford to buy slaves. There were also people in Texas who didn't believe in slavery at all. Since supplies were already really scarce in Texas, the United States didn't pay much attention to Texas during the war.

There were only four battles that happened in Texas during the Civil War. All of them happened near places where supplies could be brought in.

The first place was Galveston. Galveston is a sea port where boats from around the world could bring supplies. The Union took over the town for a little while, but then the Confederate troops took the town back.

Next, the United States tried to take over Sabine Pass because people could get supplies through the Sabine River. That battle didn't go so well for the United States. Just over 40 men kept the United States' 26 boats full of around 5,000 men from getting up the river. If you are curious about how they did that, I will be sending out a bonus video with more information.

The third battle that happened in Texas was in the town of Laredo. Laredo was getting a small amount of supplies from Mexico. A man named Santos Benavides was sick in bed for days before this battle, but he got up, found 60 friends, and fought off 200 of the United States troops.

The last battle to happen in Texas is really sad because it shouldn't have even happened. It happened at Palmito Ranch at the very bottom tip of Texas. The United States fought the Confederate Army there because supplies were coming in from Mexico. The Confederate Army, led by R.I.P. Ford, won the battle and took the United States Army prisoner. The problem was that this battle happened AFTER the Civil War was already OVER. No one knew it in Texas yet. The Confederate Army had to surrender to the prisoners just a short time later.

Most Texans who fought in the Civil War didn't stay in Texas to fight. Most of the battles happened in other states. Two of the most famous groups to fight were Hood's Brigade and Terry's Texas Rangers. Terry's Texas Rangers were a little like special ops. They took the most dangerous assignments. They fought in 275 battles and only lost twice. Hood's Brigade wasn't so lucky. They were assigned to stop General Sherman, and they were not able to. They didn't give up though. General Hood actually lost an arm and a leg during a battle. He refused to go home and spent the next two years having someone tie him to his horse so he could keep fighting.

As you can see, many Texans fought bravely for the Confederate States of America during the war. Many also fought for the United States instead because they didn't believe in slavery.

Question: What do you think Sam Houston did during this war? Write your opinion below. I'll give the answer in this week's bonus video.

May 11th-15th Packet

	Writing	Social Studies	Materials Needed
Monday	Complete front of Bellwork #28		Bell work #28
Tuesday	Find five mistakes in the Battleship Texas paper	Learn about our state battleship by reading the Battleship Texas paper.	Battleship Texas paper I will be sending out a lesson video through Remind that goes with the paper. It contains extra information about this topic, but watching the video is <u>optional</u> .
Wednesday	Complete Back of Bell work #28		Bell Work #28
Thursday	Find five mistakes in the Tall Ship Elissa paper	Learn about our state tall ship by reading the Tall Ship Elissa paper	Tall Ship Elissa paper I will be sending out a lesson video through Remind that goes with the Elissa paper. It contains extra information about this topic, but watching the video is <u>optional</u> .
Friday	Share your work with me either through a Remind photo, text, or in our Zoom meeting. If you are not able to send me anything, I will give you a call to help and check in. If you are working online only, I will see your work there.		Have your work ready to share.

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Bell Work 28

<p>He finished all of his bell work for the year.</p>	<p>As soon as I finish my work, I'm going to take a nap.</p>
<p>The school's windows are decorated with eagles.</p>	<p>It won't be long now until it is Summer.</p>
<p>Cross and Lily picked up all the trash after Eagle Club.</p>	<p>Field day, and the awards assembly will be the last week of school.</p>
<p>Mrs. Shanafelt is so proud of how well you all write.</p>	<p>"Remember the Alamo," the men shouted as they fought against Mexico.</p>

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<p>My school kids always have a place in my heart. 2/1</p> <p>yes, that means you. 2/1</p>	<p>Mrs. Thayer and Mrs. Montgomery agree with me. 2/1</p> <p>After you leave fourth grade, I will still think of you as my fourth grader. 2/1</p>
<p>We love you when you are grown, when you are far away, and even when you have forgotten who we are. 2/1</p> <p>I want you to have a happy life. 2/1</p>	<p>I wonder what you will remember from our year together will you remember something fun we did or something you learned 6</p>

Battleship Texas

(1) Lucky rabbits feet. (2) Lucky pennies. (3) Lucky socks. (4) What do they have in common with the U.S.S. Texas? (5) Also known as *Battleship Texas*, the *U.S.S. Texas* is often said to be the luckiest battleship in U.S. history.

(6) Launched on May 18, 1912, the ship was lucky to be built in the dreadnought era. (7) The dreadnoughts were a new kind of ship with extensive armor and fourteen inch guns. (8) At the time, they were the masters of the ocean. (9) The *U.S.S. Texas* was the first of its kind to have anti-aircraft guns and launch aircraft.

(10) Being big and strong doesn't always make you lucky in battle, and *Battleship Texas* fought in a lot of them. (11) Fighting major naval battles in WWI and WWII. (12) My neighbor fought in WWII. (13) Luckily, only one person was ever killed on board.

(14) Perhaps the luckiest thing about the ship is that it still survives today. (15) Few ships survived Both WWI and WWII, and those that did were often put in the scrap heap. (16) Fortunately, *Battleship Texas* survives as a floating museum.

(1) July 15 2013

(2) Dear Sally

(3) We have had a lot of fun on our vacation to Galveston Texas. (4) One of the most interesting things we have seen so far is the official tall ship of Texas, *Elissa*.

(5) *Elissa* was built in 1877 in Scotland. (6) She has three masts, nineteen sails, and an iron hull. (7) She sailed the ocean for ninety years, delivering her wares mostly between England and the Caribbean.

(8) The *Elissa* did make too stops in Galveston, Texas, to pick up loads of cotton. (9) This prompted the Galveston Historical Society to help restore the ship.

(10) *Elissa* is currently a floating museum in Galveston. (11) Sometimes, the ship even takes up anchor and take patrons on a tour of the gulf coast. (12) We didn't get to ride on the ship, but we did get to go to Moody Gardens.

(13) Your Friend Forever,

(14)Becky

May 18-22nd Packet

	Writing	Social Studies	Materials Needed
Monday	Write a list of five things you learned in writing class that you want to remember for next year. Don't forget to use correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.		Notebook paper (or the back of this page)
Tuesday		Write down a list of five things you learned this year in Texas history that you really enjoyed. Don't forget to use correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	Notebook paper (or the back of this page)
Wednesday	Write a letter to next year's fourth grade class. Give them at least three tips for how to have a good year.		
Thursday	Austin Virtual Field Trip		I will be sending the virtual field trip activities through Remind on this day.
Friday			

