

The Civil War in Missouri

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Lesson Overview: The lesson is a component of the unit study of Civil War of the United States. It provides students with an opportunity to concentrate on historical and political aspects of the Civil War. This lesson covers the significance of Missouri's role in the war.

Essential Question: How many civil war battles were fought in Missouri and where were they?

### Objectives:

As a result of completing this unit, students will be able to...

- discuss some of the social, political, and personal issues that Americans confronted during the Civil War era.
- use the Internet to locate resources related to the Civil War and incorporate information from these resources into their evaluation.
- discuss the central issues of the Civil War from a variety of different perspectives.
- share their personal reactions to what they have learned in internet research and class discussions.

GLE- Grade 8-obj.6-b,d,e,f

Grade 9-12-obj.2b-g

Assessment: a teacher generated crossword puzzle containing battle sites in Missouri with appropriate clues. A map of Missouri with confederate and union victories marked.

Materials: Computer with internet access

<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/battles/bystate.htm>

Students are provided with handouts on 25 battle sites in Missouri.

Teacher generated crossword puzzle.

Desk atlas

Map of Missouri with counties identified

Class Time: 3 periods approximately 50 minutes in length.

Teacher Input: Students are studying the civil war era. Teacher will provide a paper copy of the battle sites from the internet site listed. A copy of a county map of Missouri is given to each student. Students are allowed time to get on the website and research the different battle sites. Teacher uses the handouts to conduct open discussion of information on each battle: date, county, casualties, outcome, etc.. Students use desk atlas to locate battles on Missouri map and put a red star if a confederate victory and a blue star if a union victory. Students will be given the crossword puzzle and complete it using the information sheets on each battle.

Activities: Teacher generated crossword puzzle using handouts from internet site will be given to students to be completed independently. This puzzle will then be turned in with the Missouri map and used for evaluation.

Questions for review: How many Union victories/Confederate victories in Missouri? Which battle had the most casualties and why? Answers from students will vary but attempt to draw students into the reality of Missouri's significance in the war.

Closure: Define civil war and ask students if they could decide what side they would have supported.

Extension: Students are assigned to research which state had the most battle sites.

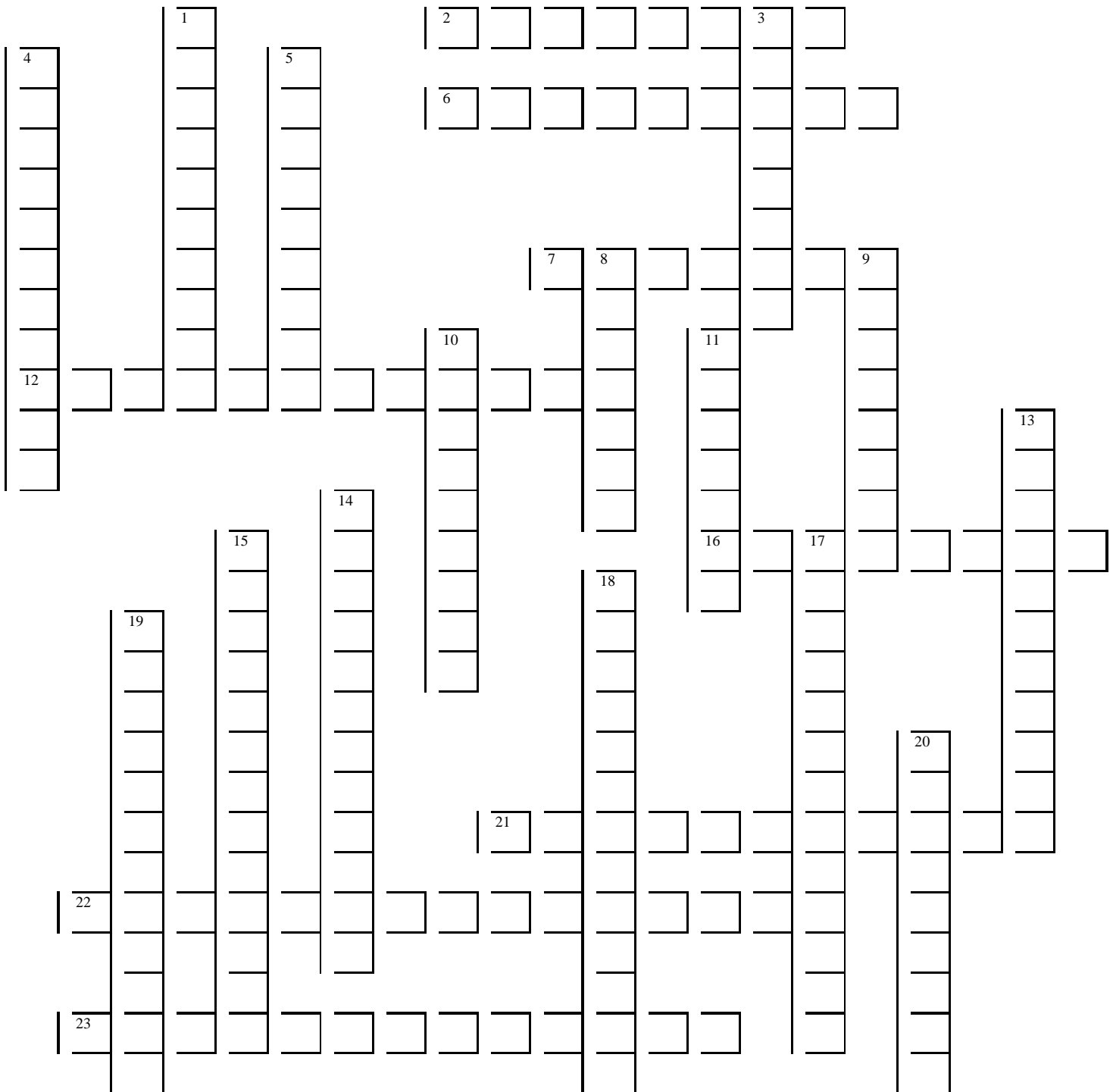
References:

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custom crossword puzzles

[http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/maps/missouri\\_map.html](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/maps/missouri_map.html)

# Missouri Civil War Battles



## ACROSS

- 2 An estimated 270 total casualties.
- 6 The army of Mississippi fought the Garrisons of New Madrid and Island No.10.
- 7 A confederate victory in Howard County.
- 12 A confederate victory in Jackson County.
- 16 October 28,1864.

## DOWN

- 1 Col.John McNeil fought Col. Joseph C Porter for 3 days.
- 3 A confederate victory.
- 4 Also referred to as Vera Cruz.
- 5 Marmaduke's first expedition into Missouri.
- 8 Confederate victory on Sept.17,1861.

- 21** Major General James G. Blunt and Major General Alfred Pleasonton fought Brig. General Joseph Shelby and Brig. General John S. Marmaduke.
- 22** Confederate victory on Oct. 21, 1864.
- 23** Also referred to as Silver Creek.

- 9** Army of the Border fought Army of Missouri on October 23, 1864.
- 10** Also referred to as Battle of the Hemp Bales
- 11** Took place on November 7, 1861.
- 13** Union victory on October 25, 1861.
- 14** Also referred to as Battle of the Mules.
- 15** Cemented the Union control of southeastern Missouri.
- 17** Estimated 2,330 casualties in this Confederate victory.
- 18** Took place on April 26, 1863.
- 19** A Union victory on September 27, 1864.
- 20** Established Union control of the Missouri River.