

## Civil War Who Am I Interactive Activity

### Artifacts:

1. Model 1858 forage cap or **kepi**. Soldiers in both armies wore caps like this. The Union wore **dark blue**. The Confederates wore **grey** or a **light brown** color called butternut.
2. Draft Letter. During the **Civil War**, the US Congress adopted a law that made it legal to require, or **draft**, men between 18 and 35 to serve in the **army**.
3. Both Union and Confederate doctors and nurses used **medicine cases** while tending to wounded and sick soldiers.
4. A **snare** drum was used as both a musical instrument and a **signaling device**.
5. Recruitment Poster. Who was the recruitment poster supposed to help recruit? **African Americans** Which army was recruiting them? **Union army**
6. A Hardee hat was originally designed for the **cavalry** in 1855 when **Jefferson Davis** was still US Secretary of War.
7. What weapon was popular with Native American soldiers? **bowie knives**
8. One picture shows the **plate**, **fork**, and **knife** that was issued to prisoners of war.
9. Patriotic envelopes were used by **nurses** who wrote home on behalf of the soldiers in their care.
10. **Field Glasses** were used to scout troop movements and positions and to view battles.

**People:**

1. The Union Drummer Boy's name was **Willie Johnston**. He is **12** years old. He served in his father's unit. When did he have to get up? **Before dawn**

He beat **announcements** all day long. On the march and in battle, he used his drums to **communicate orders**. What other jobs did he have to do? **(Answers will vary.) chop wood, tend the mules and horses, and help care for sick and wounded soldiers**

How old were most musicians in the Union Army? **Under 18**  
**Infantry** soldiers fight and travel on foot. **Cavalry** travels on horseback. Soldiers in the **Artillery** man the cannons and other big guns during battles. **Engineers** build and fix things and the **Quartermasters** make sure that everyone has enough food, clothing, and ammunition.

2. Who was in the US Colored Troops of America? **Lewis Douglass** What was his rank? **Sergeant-Major** When did the Union begin allowing African Americans to serve? **1862**  
He says, "Some of us have had an opportunity to distinguish ourselves in **battle**." What sorts of things does he say that other African Americans had to do? **Answers may vary. shoveling horse manure or digging entrenchments**

3. Who was the Cherokee Confederate General? **Stand Waite**  
(Yes, that is his real name.)

Did Native Americans usually side with the Union or Confederate army? **Confederate** Why do you think so? **Answers will vary, but may include something about the US government issuing the Trail of Tears...**

Name the tribes mentioned who fought for Southern Independence: **Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek,** and **Seminole**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who was a Confederate Spy? **Belle Boyd** How old was she when she first became a spy? **17** When she flirted with a Yankee soldier, for what famous general was she getting information? **Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson** Why do you think that she isn't held very long when she is arrested? **Answers will vary, but will probably include that she's a woman.** Why does she choose to carry a .44 caliber derringer? **It is easy to hide in her dress.**

5. Who was the Union Colonel, POW? **John Simpson Crocker**  
What was the prisoner of war camp used for before the Civil War? **Packing pork** Describe that room: **Answers will vary, but may include - foul, "The floors covered in grease and saturated with salt; it is damp and the sun never enters."**

6. Who is the Union Nurse? **Dorothea Dix**

Nurses must be **plain women**. They must wear their hair without **curls**. They must dress simply in **skirts** without hoops.

What did they feed the wounded? **lemon juice**, **beef-tea**, and **milk porridge**.