



The Civil War

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Write a series of letters from the point of view of someone living during the American Civil War. Your letters should be to a friend or family member who is sympathetic or supportive of the opposing side of the conflict from that which you support. You can be a soldier, a nurse, a wife, sister, brother, girlfriend or child of a soldier, or any other person you would like to be.

RESEARCH: Conduct research about what life was like during the American Civil War. Is there one particular aspect of life during that time period that interests you? What is it? Conduct further research on this topic.

CONTENT: On the whole, your letters should include the following information:

- What year it is
- Where you live and who you live with
- Your normal daily activities
- Your biggest worry or fear
- A significant event that has recently occurred or is occurring at that time
- What news you are hearing around you and from what sources
- Opinions that the people in your life are expressing about the significant event/news
- The impact that being on different sides of this conflict has on your relationship
- Any other interesting facts you may want to share

SOURCES: Lists at least three credible sources that you used to do research prior to writing your letters.