

African American Soldiers Assignment & Resource List

Photos & Perspectives of the Civil War

Assignment

The features editor for the African American Soldiers section has given you an assignment to write a 250-300-word feature article on the involvement of African Americans in the war, who were allowed to fight for the United States Army for the first time. Although they were soldiers, African Americans were placed in segregated units that saw little combat; they also did not have the same benefits of as white soldiers. Be sure that your article has a "slant" based on the perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your feature article, you will need to do some research.

Resources

[Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861-1877](#) (from the Library of Congress)

[African American soldiers during the Civil War](#) (from the Library of Congress)

[Photographs of African American Soldiers in the Civil War](#) (from the Library of Congress)

[Letter from Abraham Lincoln to Senator Charles Sumner, May 19, 1864](#) (from the Library of Congress)

[African American pickets on duty.](#) (from the Ohio Historical Society)

[More photographs of African Americans during the Civil War](#) (from the Library of Congress)

[The 54th Massachusetts Infantry](#) (from History.com)

[54th Regiment](#) (from Mass.gov)

[The Civil War's black soldiers](#) (from the National Park Service)