

Article Assignments

Photos & Perspectives of the Civil War

Introduction

You have been transported back in time to the Civil War era (1861-1865). You are a news reporter for one of the following newspapers: *Gettysburg Gazette*, *Antietam News*, *Petersburg Monthly*, *Richmond Reporter*, or the *Appomattox Free Press*. You and three other journalists on the staff have been assigned to report on the status of the war. Collectively you will publish this month's war feature. Individually, you will each report on one of the sections listed below.

People in the News Assignment

The features editor for the People in the News section has given you an assignment to write a feature article on one or two important individuals. Select one or two people from the list below and write a 250-300 word article that has a "slant" based on the perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your feature article, you will need to do some research (see the [Resources](#) section online).

- **Clara Barton**
- **General Ulysses S. Grant**
- **General Robert E. Lee**
- **Robert Gould Shaw**
- **Mathew Brady**
- **Rose O'Neal Greenhow**
- **General George McClellan**
- **General William Tecumseh Sherman**

Lifestyle Assignment

The features editor for the Lifestyle section has given you an assignment to write a feature article reporting on the lives of soldiers during the Civil War. Select two of the categories listed below and write a 250-300 word article that captures the viewpoint/perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your feature article, you will need to do some research (see the [Resources](#) section online).

- **Dining**
- **Hospitals**
- **Prisons**

On the Battlefield Assignment

You are a war correspondent and have been assigned to write a 250-300 word news article reporting on one of the battles listed below. Be sure that your article captures the viewpoint/perspective of your hometown newspaper. Before you write your news article, you will need to do some research (see the [Resources](#) section online).

- **First Battle of Bull Run, 1861**
- **Battle of Antietam, 1862**
- **Gettysburg Campaign, 1863**
- **Siege of Petersburg, 1864**
- **Fall of Richmond, 1865**

African American Soldiers 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 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 (see the [Resources](#) section online).