ERA 5: CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION (1850-1763) THEME: WAR AND DIPLOMACY

Slaughter on Cemetery Ridge

Guiding Questions

What is the significance of the Battle at Gettysburg?

Considering the human cost of the Civil War, was it worth the outcomes?

How does a writer's use character and/or language illustrate his point of view?

How do readers recognize a nonfiction piece versus a fiction piece?



Hancock Monument at Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Question Focus Example of Task 24

Large-scale slaughter is a necessary by-product of successful military strategy.

Teacher-to-Teacher

This collection emphasizes the incredible human cost of the Battle of Gettysburg, considered the turning point in the Civil War. The collection features an article outlining the pivotal events surrounding Pickett's failed charge at Cemetery Ridge, as well as battlefield communication between the Confederate generals. The death toll statistics and photographs add perspective and relevance to Lincoln's Gettysburg address, especially for logical/ mathematical learners.

Literature Connection: Killer Angels by Michael Shaara, The Artilleryman's Vision (poem) by Walt Whitman

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- ★ Gettysburg Address DOCUMENT
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Recommended Instructional Stategies

Task 1: Wrestle with an Argument: Close Reading of an Argumentative Text

Task 2: One Sentence Summaries

Task 3: Unpack the Points

Task 14: Students vs. Wordle/VocabGrabber

Task 23: Identifying Claim and Evidence

Task 24: QFT (Question Focus Technique)

Task 25: Document Sourcing

