

School Project Example



Midlothian Middle School's Mother/Daughter Book Clubs reading of *Annie, Between the States*

Christy L. Martin, Library Media Specialist, Midlothian Middle School, Midlothian, VA., explains: "Mother/Daughter book club is at night

7-8:30pm. Mothers

and Daughters have an

activity to do when they enter. Sometimes they rotate through stations and other times there is a single task. We offer themed foods. For *Annie Between the States* mothers and daughters enjoyed foods eaten before the Civil War (sweet breads, fresh fruit) and foods during the war, hard-tack and biscuits and gravy. We played songs by Stephen Foster while receiving people and distributing maps of Virginia for the readers to plot the story.

Mothers and daughters located battle areas mentioned in the book using this hand-out.



Find the Battle Locations on Your Virginia Map

1861

- o Battle of First Bull run (Manassas)
- o Battle of Ball's Bluff (Leesburg)

1862

- o Shenandoah Valley Campaign (Winchester, Front Royal, Grottoes, Harrisonburg)
- o Battle of Yorktown
- o Battle of Drewry's Bluff (South Chesterfield)
- o Seven Days' Battles (Richmond on large map – Oak Grove, Mechanicsville, Glendale, Malvern Hill)
- o Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly)
- o Battle of Fredericksburg

1863

- o Battle of Kelly's Ford (Culpeper)
- o Battle of Chancellorsville (Fredericksburg)
- o 2nd Battle of Winchester
- o Battle of Bristow Station (Manassas)

1864

- o Spotsylvania Courthouse (South Fredericksburg)
- o Battle of Yellow Tavern (Glen Allen – JEB Stuart mortally wounded)
- o Battle of New Market (North of Harrisonburg)
- o Battle of North Anna River (Orange)
- o Battle of Cold Harbor (Northeast of Richmond)
- o Battle of Petersburg
- o Battle of Lynchburg
- o 4th Battle of Winchester
- o Battle of Fisher's Hill (near Cold Harbor)
- o Battle of Cedar Creek (Front Royal)

1865

- o Battle of Waynesboro
- o Battle of Five Forks (Southwest Petersburg)
- o Battle of Sayler's Creek (Rice east of Farmville)
- o Surrender at Appomattox

After 20-30 minutes, we moved into groups to discuss questions about Annie's character, her brothers, the real life figures included in the novel such as JEB Stuart, Annie's change of perspective during the novel, and the day-to-day lifestyle details included in the novel.

One of the students also produced a beautiful Annie board game complete with "trivia" questions about the novel and the Civil War.