

GETTING STARTED

Materials

Each student will need:

- 4 sheets of 8 1/2-by-14-inch paper (legal size) for the walls
- 4 sheets of 7-by-7-inch paper for the floors
- 2 sheets of 7 3/4-by-7 1/4-inch posterboard or oaktag for the cover
- 1 piece of 36-inch ribbon for the closure

Tools

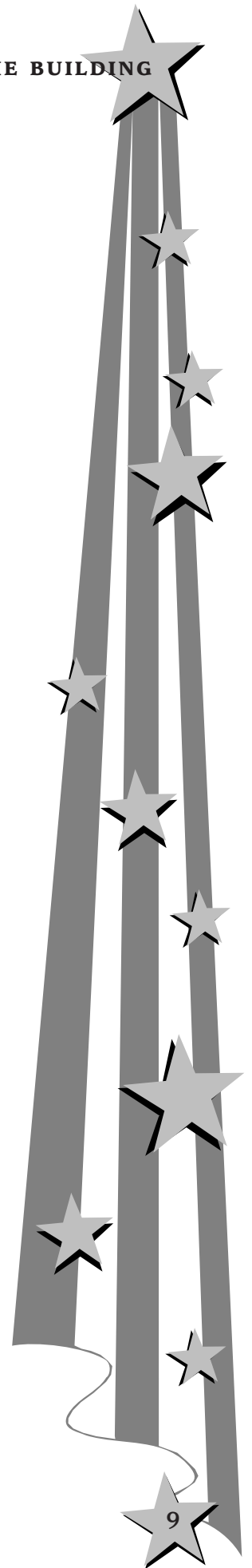
Each student will need:

- ruler (I use standard wooden rulers. The rulers should be about 1-inch wide.)
- scissors
- pencil
- glue stick
- scrap paper for gluing (I use old phone-book or catalog pages.)

Variations

I use legal size paper because it is a standard size and makes a comfortable size book to work with. You can change the size of the paper (and the size of the book) if you follow these rules:

1. The paper for the floor must be a square.
2. The length of the paper for the walls must be twice the width of the square.
3. The width of the paper for the wall determines the height of the room. The height of the room can vary.
4. The cover should always be larger than the finished sections. I added 1/4-inch to the height and the width. The thicker the paper you use for the sections, the more allowance you should add.



THE CIVIL WAR

Suggested Themes

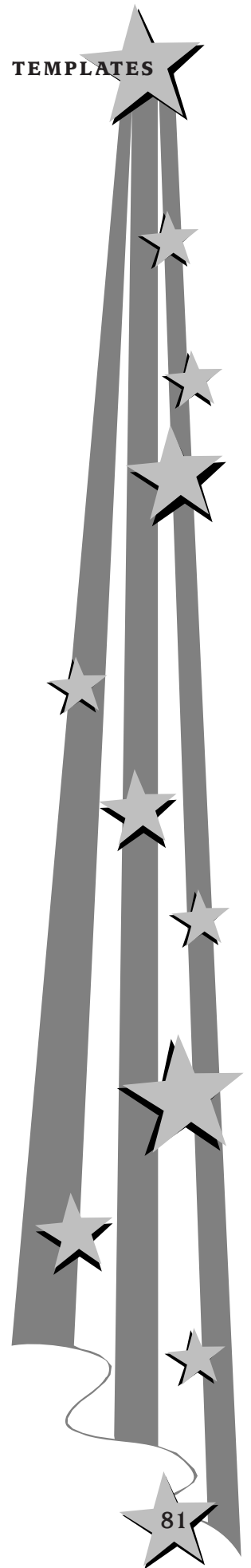
- ◆ The Civil War
 1. Causes
 2. First battle at Fort Sumter
 3. Overview of the war: major battles
 4. Surrender at Appomatox
- ◆ The Soldier's life
 - 1.-2. Camp life: food, clothing, shelter, weather, training, boredom and entertainment, letters home
 3. Battles
 4. Hospitals and medicine: treatments and medical advances during the war

Points of View

- ◆ Union soldier, Confederate soldier, Union Officer, Confederate officer, nurse, doctor, boy drummer or soldier, Union and Confederate mothers and wives, slave, free African-American, abolitionist

Other Topics

- ◆ Missouri Compromise, Kansas-Nebraska Act, Dred Scott decision, John Brown's raid, publication of Uncle Tom's cabin, Lincoln-Douglas Debates, Election of Lincoln
- ◆ Battles: First Manassas, Second Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Shiloh, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse, Cold Harbor, Sherman's March, Franklin, Petersburg, Nashville, Appomatox
- ◆ The Naval War: blockade and blockade runners, battle of the *Merrimack* and the *Monitor*



- ◆ Biographies of important Civil War figures: Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Robert Gould Shaw, William Tecumseh Sherman, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Clara Barton, Matthew Brady

Resources

Civil War, by Martin W. Sandler (HarperCollins, 1996). A Library of Congress book with great images and a simple informative text.

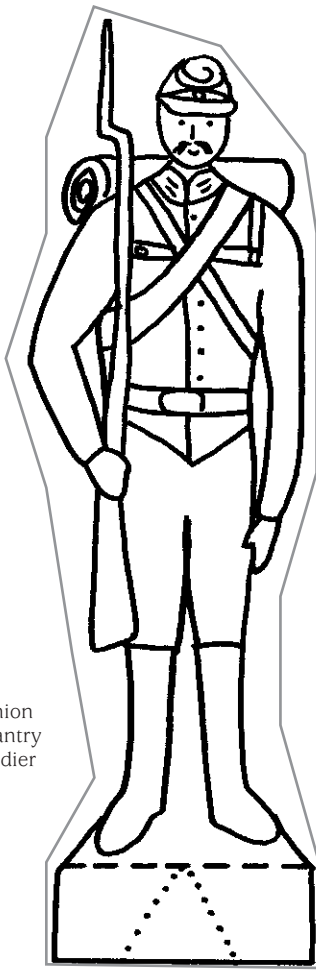
The American Civil War homepage. (<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html>), from the University of Tennessee, includes many links to a variety of Civil War Web sites.

Civil War Gazette (<http://www.itdc.sbcss.k12.ca.us/curriculum/civilwar.html>) is a Web quest project for students interested in creating a Civil War newspaper, includes links to original Civil War material.

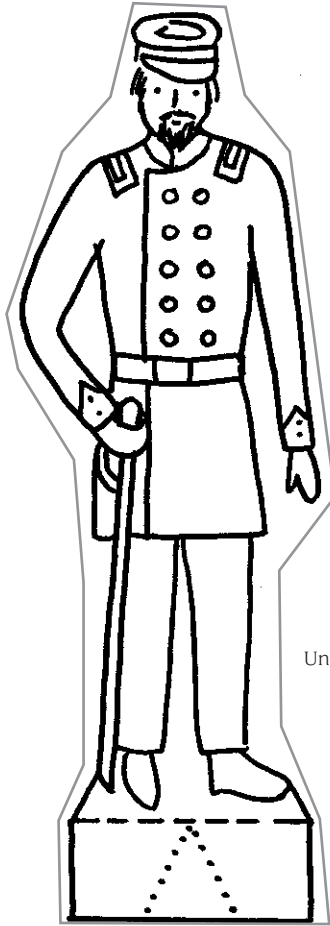
Suggested Readings

Charley Skedaddle, by Patricia Beatty (William Morrow, 1987). Twelve-year-old Charley Quinn, a New York Bowery Boy, joins the Union Army as a drummer boy to fight the Rebels who killed his brother Johnny at Gettysburg. Frightened in his first battle, he "skedaddles" west to the mountains, where he regains his sense of self through tests of man and nature. The soldiering scenes are vivid, and Charley's growth to responsibility and strength is a moving one.

Turn Homeward, Hannalee, by Patricia Beatty (William Morrow, 1984). Twelve-year-old Hannalee Reed, a bobbin girl in a mill in Georgia, is captured by the Yankees and taken north by the Union Army to work in the northern mills. Full of determination and pluck, she disguises herself as a boy, runs away, finds her brother, and makes the long journey back to Georgia. Through Hannalee's journey, we see the war's terrible effect on both sides.

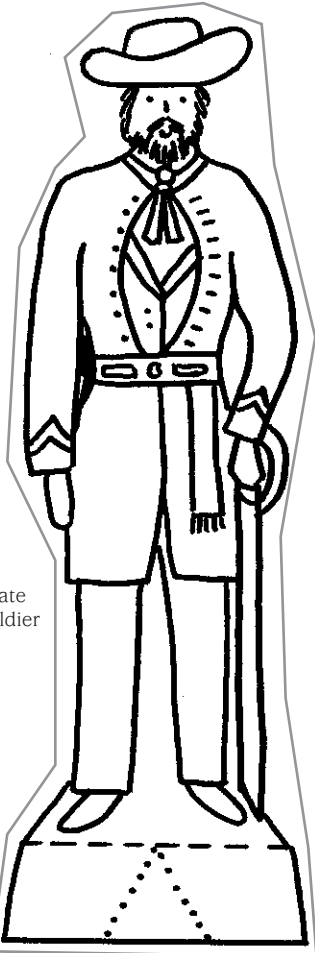
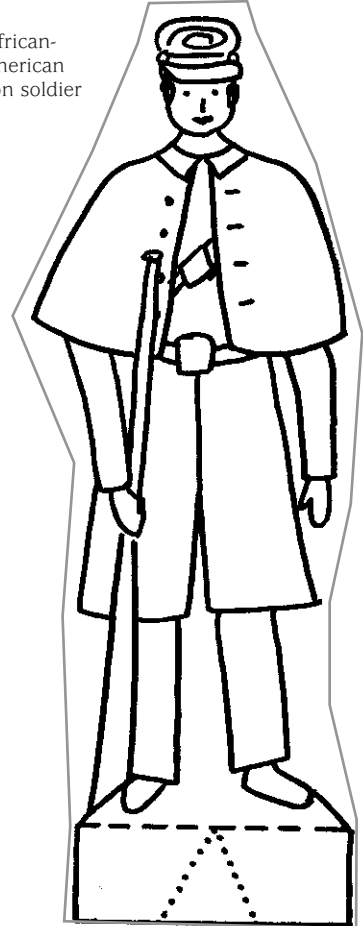


Union infantry soldier

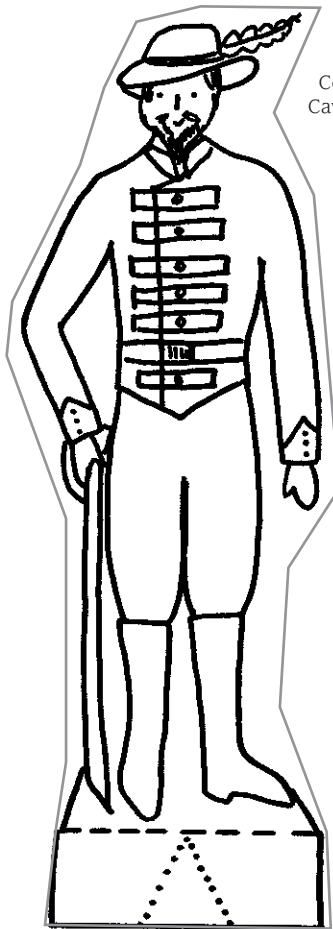


Union officer

African-American Union soldier



Confederate infantry soldier



Confederate Cavalry officer

Nurse

