

Lesson Plan

Index Battle

Book: *Gettysburg*

Series: Visit and Learn

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students practice using text features to locate information about a specific topic.

Supplies

- Several copies of the *Gettysburg* book
- Index Battle Questions (attached)

Before the Activity

Read through the *Gettysburg* book, or assign it to students to read on their own.

Activity

Split students into several small groups. Give each group a copy of the *Gettysburg* book. Each team should choose one person to start with the book. Explain that the students will practice using the book's index to find answers to questions. You will read each question out loud. When you say go, the students can flip to the index and find the answer to the question. For some questions, students will have to find a fact or statistic. For other questions, students will simply need to find the page number where a topic is described.

Students should raise their hands when they have found the answer to a question. Call on the first student to raise a hand. If the student has found the correct answer, his or her team gets a point. After a student has answered (or tried to answer) a question, he or she should pass the book to the next person on the team.

Evaluation

- Give each team one point for each correct answer. The team with the most points at the end of the activity wins.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 3 (RI 3.1, 3.5).

Index Battle Questions

1. How many monuments are at the Gettysburg battlefields? (1,300)
2. What page describes what tourists can find in the Gettysburg visitor center? (page 24)
3. What chapter describes what happened at Gettysburg in 1863? (Chapter 2: The Battle of Gettysburg)
4. Where did Abraham Lincoln write the Gettysburg Address? (The David Wills House in Gettysburg)
5. What page explains that slavery ended after the Civil War? (page 16)
6. What pages mention the museum at Gettysburg? (pages 23–24)
7. What do tour guides talk to visitors about? (The history of places in Gettysburg and how the battle unfolded)
8. What page mentions Abraham Lincoln in the main text? (page 12)
9. What happens during demonstrations at Gettysburg? (People reenact the battle)
10. What is the date that Remembrance Day takes place? (November 19)
11. What chapter describes the museum and visitors center at Gettysburg? (Chapter 4: Visiting Gettysburg)
12. What is the name of the cemetery for soldiers who died during the battle? (Gettysburg National Cemetery)
13. What chapter describes how cannons are used when people reenact the Battle of Gettysburg? (Chapter 3: Turning Point)
14. Which page explains that most white people in the South supported slavery? (page 9)
15. How long was the Gettysburg Address? (two minutes)