

Teacher's Guide & Answers

The activities in this set are designed to do three things: involve students in the study of history, stimulate students to think and to provide information that is not available in history textbooks. Our overall goal is to encourage an interest in the study of history. We believe that there are lessons and skills to be learned from the study of history, and that the study of history can be very interesting.

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Civil War & Reconstruction

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Directions

Commanding troops during a war requires logic and the ability to read maps. Solve the problems described below. You will need to use the map on the next page. Some of the problems will require you to use a piece of string and a ruler for measuring distances.

Scenario 1

You are commanding a small raiding party. You have arrived in Mayville from the west. Your goal is to attack the armory at Brieville. Your spies tell you that the enemy has troops at Dorchester, Foster's Mill and Dayton. You want to avoid contact with the enemy. You must travel on the roads. Which route do you take? The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of soldiers.

Scenario 2

Your spies have told you that an enemy raiding party has arrived at Four Corners and has burned the town. The enemy wants to burn as many towns as it can. You want to prevent them from doing that. The spies tell you that the enemy party numbers 100 men. You can only defeat them with a force at least that big. Your men are scattered. There are 25 at Smithtown, 25 at Dayton, 50 at Foster's Mill and 50 at East Lynn. The spies tell you that the enemy force will next attack Big Bend and travel north from there. If you can move your forces three times as fast as the enemy (they are slowed down by loot they have plundered), what is the closest town where you can meet them with a force at least as large as theirs?

Scenario 3

You head a raiding party and you have arrived at Hamer Farm. You know that enemy troops are in the area. Your map indicates where they are located. You want to pass through the area without a fight. You are going north to Chester. What route do you take?

Scenario 4

You hear that an enemy force of 75 is moving through your territory. They have reached Brieville. You want to stop them from reaching their goal of arriving at Chester and moving north. Your spies tell you they intend to ride to Three Trees. You must meet them with a superior force. At what town can you soonest meet them with a superior force?



