

CAMP JACKSON - DOCUMENT DISCOVERY - PRIMARY DOCUMENT ACTIVITY

MAIN IDEA

Students will use primary documents to explore and form conclusions about a mystery event during the Civil War in St. Louis.

TIME

30–45 minutes

GRADE LEVEL

8th grade–high school

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 1861, Abraham Lincoln’s orders to recruit Missouri volunteers into Federal service were received by Lt. John Schofield. One day later, in defiance of that directive, Governor Claiborne Jackson ordered the militia to muster across the state. In St. Louis, that muster of men met at Lindell Grove and named their encampment Camp Jackson after the governor.

Captain Nathaniel Lyon, head of the U.S. Arsenal in St. Louis, was enraged by the state government’s defiance of the president’s request. On May 11, 1861, he organized seven columns of Union soldiers and captured the militia.

While the troops marched their prisoners back to the Arsenal, crowds formed and a shot was fired. This shot set off a wave of gunfire that left at least 27 citizens dead. These events fueled anger against Federal aggression in the state, but helped secure St. Louis and Missouri for the Union.

This activity will explore this pivotal event through documents that help to shape the story.

OBJECTIVES

Students will...

1. Increase familiarity with primary documents and how they are used.
2. Develop an understanding of the factions of the Civil War in Missouri.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Civil War St. Louis. <http://www.civilwarstlouis.com/>. Content information on the Civil War in St. Louis, including timelines, articles on various themes, and suggested books.
- Denny, James, and John F. Bradbury. *The Civil War's First Blood: Missouri, 1854–1861*. Boonville, Mo.: MissouriLife, 2007.
- Gerteis, Louis S. *Civil War St. Louis (Modern War Studies)*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2004.
- Phillips, Christopher. *Damned Yankee: The Life of General Nathaniel Lyon*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1990.
- Phillips, Christopher. *Missouri's Confederate: Claiborne Fox Jackson and the Creation of Southern Identity in the Border West*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2000.
- Winter, William C. *The Civil War in St. Louis: A Guided Tour*. St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society Press, 1994.

MATERIALS

- James O. Broadhead letter (one copy per group)
- St. Louis coroner’s inquest book excerpt (one copy per group)
- St. Louis Transfer Company receipt (one copy per group)
- Paper
- Pencils
- Document analysis worksheet (three copies per group)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

GLE	Content
SOCIAL STUDIES	
SS7.A Identify, select, use, and create appropriate resources for social science inquiry	Students will use and interpret primary documents.
SS2a.H Understanding the causes and consequences of the Civil War	Students will examine Missouri factions and how tensions led to the violence of the Civil War.
SS3.B Principles and processes of governments in a democracy	Students will explore how Federal law was enforced in Missouri during the Civil War.
SS3.C Local, state, and national governments in the United States	Students will see how state and local government conflicted during the Civil War.
SS6.B Group membership	Students will analyze which factions people joined in the Civil War.
SS7.A Using primary and secondary sources	Students will analyze three primary documents and contextualize them.
SS7.E Distinguishing fact from opinion	Students will read documents and make conclusions about whether the author is presenting fact or opinion.

SS7.F Support a point of view	Students will write and defend their opinions on what the documents tell about the mystery event.
COMMUNICATION ARTS	
Reading 1H, G, I	Students will read documents for context and be able to summarize their findings. They will also compare and contrast the statements of separate documents.
Writing 1A, B, C, D, E	Students will write a position essay on their findings using proper writing conventions.
Listening and Speaking 2A	Students will present their findings several times in a clear, concise manner.
Information Literacy 1B	Students will use primary sources to acquire relevant information.
Information Literacy 1C	Students will record information in an organized fashion.

PROCEDURE

Phase	Description
Introduction	<p>Step 1: As a class, review the Missouri factions. Discuss with students how the factions in Missouri led to violence. Tell them the documents they are about to review tell a story about a mystery event that occurred in St. Louis, and that they will be asked to form a hypothesis about the details of that event based on the documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If needed, explain the difference between a guess and a hypothesis.

<p>Main</p>	<p>Step 2: Divide students into groups of four.</p> <p>Step 3: Give each group one copy of each document and three copies of the document analysis worksheet (see materials).</p> <p>Step 4: Have them complete the document analysis worksheet for each document.</p> <p>Step 5: Have each group present its findings. You may record them on an overhead or chalkboard.</p> <p>Step 6: Give each group a large piece of butcher paper or some other poster-size paper. Instruct them to split it into three columns (one for each document). In each column have students list what the document tells them about the mystery event.</p> <p>Step 7: Have each group develop a narrative of what the mystery event was. Have them present it to the class.</p>
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<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>Step 8: Pass out and review as a class the Camp Jackson info sheet. Discuss what aspects you got correct, and what you were wrong about. Ask, “What kinds of documents might have helped avoid those mistakes?” and “How would you find them?” Discuss with students: “How did national, state, and local governments interact and conflict with one another?” and “How was law enforced in the Camp Jackson affair?”</p>
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Document Analysis Worksheet

1. Type of document (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Document | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | |

2. When was it written? Is there a date or other information that indicates this?

3. Who wrote the document? How can you tell? What can you tell about the author?

4. For whom was the document written? How can you tell?

5. Why was the document written? Cite the evidence indicating its purpose.

6. What people are mentioned in this document and what can you tell about them?

People	Information

7. What dates are mentioned in this document?

8. What is the topic of the document?

9. Is the author credible? What is fact and what is opinion?

10. Key Facts—List facts you think are important.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

11. How does this document add to what you learned from the other documents?

A.

B.

C.

D.

The Coroner's Inquest Book

The Coroner
Boisliviere's
Book
of
Inquests
from Aug 12 1858 to Dec 15 1861

1861

May 11 No 1251 Jacob Carter
 City hospital
 Gun shot wound of the Chest
 View of the dead body 500
 Coroners attendance 500

500
 500 1.00

" " No 1252 Jack Jerdy
 City hospital
 Gun shot wound chest
 View of the dead body 300
 Cor att 300

300
 300 6.00

" 11 No 1253. Pat Whelan
 City hospital
 Gun shot wound chest
 View of the dead body 300

300 300

" 11 No 1254 John Koerper
 City hospital
 Gun shot wound Brain
 View of the dead body 300
 Cor att 300

300
 300 600

" 11 No 1255. John J. Jones
 City Hospital
 Gun shot wound of Stomach
 View of the dead body 300

300 300

" 11 No 1256 William Hannan
 City Hospital
 Gun shot wound abdomen
 View of the body 300. Jury fee 300 View
 50. dressing 50. Subp mit 25
 10 (wit) D. Heason 50. Martin 50. P. 10

725

61
May

11 No 1257 Mrs Ahuan

4th bet of Allen and Capar
Gun shot wound of the heart
View of the dead body 300 Jury fee 300
Venire 50. Smearing July 50 Subp. wit 25
1 Wit - Mary Ahuan 50 Cert-dep of
wit 25

Summoning July 75. Subp the above wit²⁵

725

75

100

9.00

11 No 1258 Reselva Ann McCauliff

11th bet Carr and Biddle
Gun shot wound of Brain
View of the dead body 500 Jury 300 Venire
50. Smearing July 50. Subp wit 25
4 Wit - S. McCauliff 50 Mary Flynn 50
Samuel McCauliff 50 Mrs Langar 50
Cert-dep of wit 25

Summoning July 75. Subp the 4 above
wit at 2.50 - 100.

725

225

175

11.25

11 No 1259. Emily Summers

On Carr w. of 17th St

Gun shot wound of Heart
View of the dead body 700 Jury fee 500
Venire 50. Smearing July 50 Subp wit 25
4 Wit - H. Summers 50 Elizabeth Summers 50
R. Carver 50 Helena Summers 50

Cert-dep of wit 25
Summoning July 75. Subp the 4 above
wit at 95 100

725

225

175

11.25

11 No 1260. Nicholas Knobloch

at Camp Jackson

Fracture of the skull from the fire

1861

May 11 1861. Henry Juncos

Grand as bit Union & Market St
Gun shot wound

View of the dead body 300 July 300

Vermin 50. Swearing July 50. Subp wit 25 7 25

4 wit) E. M. Penning 50 Elizabeth Juncos 25

John North 50 C. Geigel 50 Cost
dep of wit 25

Mileage 25 25

Summoning July 75. Subp the above

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" 11 No 1262. Walter McDonald

Cor Elizabeth St Tommy's addition

Gun shot wound of brain

View of the dead body 300 July 300

Vermin 50. Swearing July 50 Subp wit 25 7 25

1 wit) John Heany 50 Cost dep of

wit 25 75

Mileage 25 25

Summoning July 75. Subp the above

wit 25 at 1.00 9 25

" 11 No 1263. Erie Wright

Cor Bernard west Pratt St

Gun shot wound of brain

View of the body 300 July 300 Vermin 50

Swearing July 50. Subp wit 25 7 25

2 wit) Geo. Allen 50 Mrs Webster 50

Cost dep of wit 25 at 1.25

Mileage 25 at 25

Summoning July 75. Subp the above

wit at 25 at 50 1 75 10.00

1861

May 11 N^o 1264 Wm Sheffield
 Wesleyan Cemetery
 Gun shot wound of the head
 View of the dead body 300. Jury 300. Verdict
 swearing July 30. Subp wit - 25 - 7 25
 2 wit - E. Whitman ²⁰ Mrs Whitman ⁵⁰
 Cost dep of wit - 25 Cor att - 4 25
 Mileage 25 - 25
 Summoning July 75. Subp the i above
 wit-at 25 et - 50 1 25 13.0

" 11 N^o 1265. Armand Latour
 Wesleyan Cemetery
 Gun shot wound of chest
~~View of the dead body 300. Jury 300. Verdict~~
~~swearing July 30. Subp wit 25~~ 7 25
 View of the dead body 300. 3 00 3 00

" 11 N^o 1266. James McDonald
 Wesleyan Cemetery
 Gun shot wound chest
 View of the dead body 300 - 3 00 3 00

" 11 N^o 1267. John English
 Wesleyan Cemetery
 Gun shot wound, heart
 View of the dead body 300. 3 00 3 00

" 11 N^o 1268. Unknown Man
 Wesleyan Cemetery
 Gun shot wound
 View of the dead body 300 3 00
 Cor att 300 - 3 00 6 00

" 11 N^o 1269. Unknown Man

1861

1270

May 11 N^o 1270 Unknown Man

Wesleyan Cemetery
Gun shot in chest

View of the dead body 200
Cor att 200

2.00
3.00

6.00

" 12 N^o 1271 Louis Shankbeer

n. 11th bet 6th + 7th

Pistol shot wounds of head & chest
View of the dead body 500. 3 Jury fees
on 12th 13th + 14th 900. Vermin 50. Sorearing

Jury 50 Subp wit 25

13.25

32 wit) Geo Barlow 50 Louis Corcheiner 50

A. Millenberger 50 M. Keenutt 50

Wm Pilcher 50 Thos Levy 50 M. L. Walsh 50

Wm Ringe 50 Henry Hüllinhost 50 John

Kass 50 M. Barkly 50 Tho Morgan 50

L. Miller 50 Jacob Sylver 50 W.

West 50 J. Moreland 50 E. D. Henn 50

James Hayen 50 Pat Smith 50 R. H.

Boward 50 John Forman 50 M. Boyce 50

Jas Martin 50 John McGormey 50

Alex Cornell 50 A. Kehoe 50 M.

Subugue 50 D. T. Turner 50 Mrs J.

Hoffman 50 Matilda Bolton 50

Mary Taylor 50 Daniel Doyle 50

Cert dep of wit 25

16.75

Summoning Jury on 12th 75. on 13th 75. at

on 14th 75. 2.25. subp the 32 above

wit and Lawyer Hoffman + B. M. Runyan

at 25 at 8.50

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" 12 N^o 1272 Bernard Miller

Chestnut-st bet 5th + 6th

Gun shot in

1861

May 12th 1861 No 1273 Wm Hullenhost
 Chestnut-belt 5th & 6th
 Gun shot wound of brain
 View of the dead body 3.00

" 12th No 1274 Conrad Lappe
 Chestnut-belt 5th & 6th
 Gun shot wound of brain
 View of the dead body 3.00

" 12th No 1275 John Dick
 Chestnut-belt 5th & 6th
 Gun shot wounds of brain
 View of the dead body 3.00

" 12th No 1276 Wm Cody
 Chestnut-belt 5th & 6th
 Gun shot wound of face & head
 View of dead body 3.00

" 12th No 1277 J. Lawrence Niederkheiter
 Chestnut-belt 5th & 6th
 Gun shot wound - neck
 View of the dead body 3.00

" 12th No 1278 Christophe Dear
 Copper strut
 Gun shot wound chest
 View of the dead body 3.00 July 300. Union
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Part 4 - Inquests, 1858-1861, Record Book of Louis Charles Boisliniere

DATE	CASE	NAME	CAUSE OF DEATH
5-5-1861	1238	unknown man	drowning
5-6-1861	1239	unknown man	drowning
5-8-1861	1240	Thomas McGrath	accidental drowning in a cistern
5-10-1861	1241	unknown female infant	unknown
5-12-1861	1242	unknown man	drowning
5-13-1861	1243	unknown man	drowning
5-14-1861	1244	(supposed) Philipp Gollong	drowning
5-15-1861	1245	unknown man	drowning
5-15-1861	1246	Mary Ann Glassmann	suicide by hanging
5-18-1861	1246	unknown man	drowning
5-18-1861	1247	unknown man	drowning
5-19-1861	1248	Julia Fahy	pulmonary apoplexy
5-10-1861	1249	unknown man (Chs. Lappe or Cappe)	gun shot wound in the brain
5-10-1861	1250	William Icenhower	gun shot wound through heart
5-11-1861	1251	Jacob Carter	gun shot wound of the chest
5-11-1861	1252	Jack Jerdy	gun shot wound - chest
5-11-1861	1253	Pat Whelan	gun shot wound - chest
5-11-1861	1254	John Koerper	gun shot wound - brain

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5-11-1861	1255	John J. Jones	gun shot wound of stomach
5-11-1861	1256	William Hannan	gun shot wound - abdomen
5-11-1861	1257	Thos. Ahearn	gun shot wound of the heart
5-11-1861	1258	Reselva Ann McCauliff	gun shot wound of brain
5-11-1861	1259	Emily Summers	gun shot wound of heart
5-11-1861	1260	Nicholas Knobloch	fracture of the skull from parties unknown
5-11-1861	1261	Henry Jungel	gun shot wound
5-11-1861	1262	Walter McDonald	gun shot wound of brain
5-11-1861	1263	Erie Wright	gun shot wound of brain
5-11-1861	1264	Wm. Sheffeld	gun shot wound of the head
5-11-1861	1265	Armand Latour	gun shot wound of chest
5-11-1861	1266	James McDonald	gun shot wound - chest
5-11-1861	1267	John English	gun shot wound - heart
5-11-1861	1268	unknown man	gun shot wound
5-11-1861	1269	unknown young man	gun shot wound
5-11-1861	1270	unknown man	gun shot wound
5-12-1861	1271	Louis Shankbeer	pistol shot wounds of head & chest
5-12-1861	1272	Bernard Miller	gun shot wound
5-12-1861	1273	Wm. Hulinhost	gun shot wound of brain

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5-13-1861	1278	Christophe Dean	
5-13-1861	1279	Philip Leister	gun shot wound - chest
5-15-1861	1280	Pat Enright	gun shot wound of chest
5-16-1861	1281	Peter Doan	pistol of gun shot wound
5-18-1861	1282	Wm. P. Sommers	gun shot wound - shoulder
5-18-1861	1283	Frank D. Allen	gun shot wound of the spine
5-19-1861	1284	Benjamin Dunn	gun shot wound of knee
5-22-1861	1285	Charles Rebstock	gun shot wound
5-22-1861	1286	Michael Lynot	gun shot wound (Camp Jackson riot)
5-23-1861	1287	John Frederick	injuries to bump in [?] external (violence)
5-23-1861	1288	Ernest Bode	internal injury from an accidental fall
5-24-1861	1289	unknown young man (supposed to be a volunteer from arsenal); John A. Fairchild	traumatic erysipilas drowning

James O. Broadhead letter

Jefferson City Missouri
April 24th 1861

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Dear Sir

Yours of 21st

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St. Louis Transfer Company receipt

Mayor Williams

St. Louis, Missouri

May 6th For transcribing bank equipment release
to Biddle's memo pertaining to of these assets
25000000 @ 3% rate \$75.00

Per Voucher May 31, 1864

W. C. C. C. C. C.
By J. P. Phelps

