

## US HISTORY AGENDA: THURSDAY 5/22/2014

You have 16 days left in the school year including today. Try to leave a positive impression so you will be remembered fondly.

Friday – May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Assembly (It was moved from this Friday to next) I'll post the schedule next week, but it is period 2.

Today in US History - activities for **you**.

**1:** Brain Pop Video on the Causes of the American Civil War: Some of you got this done the other day, some of you didn't.

<http://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/ushistory/civilwarcauses/>

If you are asked to log in the information is as follows:

Logon name is dgsemerson the password is: school

**Please take the ten question quiz and email me the results. This can be done today or tomorrow. Tks**

**2: To be collected today:** Uncle Tom's Cabin Reading worksheet and questions: on center table, I'd be happy to read this aloud to you if that would help. We can put this to a class vote.

**3: Moving Forward:** I have spoken to a few students who do not understand much of what the Civil War is about. If interested write down a few questions on a piece of paper and I can address them in class. Thanks

**4:** I have copied what I thought was an ok **article about Robert E. Lee**, please read it and prepare to answer the following question in class on Friday. (Tomorrow) This is a good class assignment for those who do not have their technology.

Two words you may find difficult: Enigma – Something which is mysterious.

Legacy – Something that someone has achieved that continues to exist after they stop working or die.

**Question for Friday in class: "In a paragraph (15 mins) describe or explain two of General Robert E. Lee's decisions and give details from the text as to how he shaped his own legacy and yet remains an enigma."**

**5:** If these items do not appeal to you, I found an interactive poster - <http://teachinghistory.org/civil-war>

Click on the items in the poster and learn more about the Civil War

**6:** A New York Times Interactive Web Site –

[http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/10/29/opinion/20101029-civil-war.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/10/29/opinion/20101029-civil-war.html?_r=0)

**7:** A short article on a tree stump you may have seen in the Smithsonian if you traveled to Washington D.C.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/spotsylvania-tree-stump-destroyed-in-civil-war-battle-180947918/?no-ist>

**8:** A few videos from the Gettysburg 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary from last July 2013

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-1q5lx\\_XdI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-1q5lx_XdI)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epyIpbAxzWk>

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/03/gettysburg-civil-war-150th-150-battle-battlefield/2486235/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZxi5eSXIU>

Please find something that you can quietly do for credit and more importantly to learn and understand about our Civil War.