Civil War Battles in Western Virginia

Grade Level: Eighth Grade

Essential question: After analyzing articles, students will be able to create a timeline that describes the battles in Western Virginia, determine why the winner of the battles were victorious, and how these outcomes allowed WV to obtain its statehood.

In order to create their timeline, students are to be divided into 5 groups representing the 5 battles from the standards (the Battle of Philippi, Rich Mountain, Droop Mountain, Battle of Scary Creek and Battle of Carnifex Ferry). They are to research each battle and create a section of the timeline for their assigned battle. They are to include: the dates of the battle, the strategies used by each side, a geographical picture of the battle site, the significant people involved in the battle, the outcome of the battle, and explain how this battle affected the people of Western Virginia.

Resources:

Video: Averell’s Raiders and the 35th star

Book*: Countdown to WV Statehood*

YouTube: The Road to Statehood

PBS: WV: A Child of the Civil War

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Ideas for creating a classroom timeline:

* + - <http://homeschoolingisfun.com/funteachingideas/timeline-puzzle/>
    - <http://prezentio.com/how-to-create-puzzle-powerpoint/>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCfcFh8_qoI>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg5PnY26O1Q>