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Stones River National Battlefield Murfreesboro, Tennessee



# Lesson Plan Civil War Bingo

### **Grades**

4, 5, 6

# **Subjects**

The Battle of Stones River, Tennessee history U.S. history

### Time allotted

30 minutes

## Setting

Classroom

## **Group size**

2 or more students

### **Skills**

Listening, following directions, and recalling facts

## Methods

The students will play Bingo using materials created.

### **Materials**

Bingo cards/boards, bingo markers, questions sheet, pencils

# Keywords

Andrew Johnson Artillery

Assassination

Civil War

Rebel

Secession

Slave

Supplies

## **Objectives**

At the end of the activity, students will be able to:

• Recall key facts about U. S. history and Tennessee history.



#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Civil War was fought to preserve the Union of the thirty-four (34) states of the United States. Tennessee was the last of eleven states to secede from the Union. Abraham Lincoln was elected in November 1860 and remained the President of the Union during the Civil War. He lived in the White House located in Washington, D. C. The capital of the Confederacy was located in Richmond, Virginia and Jefferson Davis was selected as its president.

The Battle of Stones River was fought in Murfreesboro, Tennessee from December 31, 1862 through January 2, 1863. It was an important battle because the Union and Confederate Armies were struggling for control of Middle Tennessee's railroads and rich farms. Union General William S. Rosecrans and Confederate General Braxton Bragg commanded the armies at the Battle of Stones River. Both sides claimed victory, although they fought to a tactical draw. The Confederate army inflicted more casualties but the Union army remained in control of the field because the Confederates retreated.

President Abraham Lincoln spread the word that a victory had been won in the first battle of the Union campaign to seize the Nashville-Chattanooga-Atlanta corridor.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Make a list of the answers to the questions in random order, and put them on the blackboard.
- Have the students make a bingo card (or distribute a copy of one)
- Instruct the students to randomly write in each Bingo square the terms written on `the board. Students will then cut out the bingo markers. Teacher will ask questions relating to a person, place, or event. Students will find the answer on their bingo card and cover it with a marker.

#### **FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES**

The students will create new bingo games dealing with other aspects of the Civil War, Tennessee history and U. S. history.

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#### APPENDIX Questions

1. Who was the president of the United States 14. How many states seceded from the Union? during the Civil War? 15. What was another name for the Confederate soldiers? 2. Who was the president of the Confederacy? 3. What battle was fought between December 31, 16. Where is the capital of Tennessee? 1862 and January 2, 1863? 17. What is the term used when different sections 4. Who was the General of the Union Army at of the same country fight against each other? Stones River? 18. Where was the capital of the Confederacy? 5. Where was the Battle of Stones River fought? 19. Another word for cannons is \_\_\_ 6. Who was the General of the Confederate Army at Stones River? 20. What did the railroad bring to the troops? 7. The Battle of Stones River was fought in which of the three regions of Tennessee, 21. The Battle of Stones River was the first battle East Tennessee, Middle Tennessee or won in the Union campaign to capture the West Tennessee? corridor. 8. What was the term used to describe the states 22. What is the act of murdering by surprise? that were leaving the Union? 23. Who succeeded Abraham Lincoln as 9. What is a person who is forced to work president of the United States? without wages called? 24. When was Abraham Lincoln elected President? 10. Where is the White House? II. How many states were in the United States before the Civil War? 12. What resources did Murfreesboro have that made it important? 13. What was the last state to secede from the Union?

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# APPENDIX Questions and Answers

- I. Who was the president of the United States during the Civil War? Abraham Lincoln
- 2. Who was the president of the Confederacy? *Jefferson Davis*
- 3. What battle was fought between December 31, 1862 and January 2, 1863? *Stones River*
- 4. Who was the General of the Union Army at Stones River? General William Rosecrans
- 5. Where was the Battle of Stones River fought? *Murfreesboro*, *Tennessee*
- 6. Who was the General of the Confederate Army at Stones River? General Braxton Bragg
- 7. The Battle of Stones River was fought in which of the three regions of Tennessee, East Tennessee, Middle Tennessee or West Tennessee?

  Middle Tennessee
- 8. What was the term used to describe the states that were leaving the Union? *Seceding*
- 9. What is a person who is forced to work without wages called? Slave
- 10. Where is the White House? *Washington*, *DC*
- II. How many states were in the United States before the Civil War? Thirty-four
- 12. What resources did Murfreesboro have that made it important?
  Railroad and farms
- 13. What was the last state to secede from the Union? Tennessee

- 14. How many states seceded from the Union? *Eleven*
- 15. What was another name for the Confederate soldiers? Rebels
- 16. Where is the capital of Tennessee? *Nashville*
- 17. What is the term used when different sections of the same country fight against each other? *Civil War*
- 18. Where was the capital of the Confederacy? *Richmond, Virginia*
- 19. Another word for cannons is \_\_\_\_\_? 
  Artillery
- 20. What did the railroad bring to the troops? *Supplies*
- 21. The Battle of Stones River was the first battle won in the Union campaign to capture the \_\_\_\_\_ corridor.

  Nashville-Chattanooga-Atlanta
- 22. What is the act of murdering by surprise? *Assassination*
- 23. Who succeeded Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States?

  Andrew Johnson
- 24. When was Abraham Lincoln elected President? *November*, *1860*

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