

1863 CIVIL WAR JOURNEY: RAID ON INDIANA CHARACTER EXPLORATION GUIDES RECOMMENDED FOR GRADE 4

This activity will help your students become familiar with the real-life characters presented in 1863 Civil War Journey: Raid on Indiana.

OBJECTIVES:

After completing this activity, students will be able to:

- Describe the roles of some of the individuals involved in Morgan's Raid in Indiana.
- Understand how people of various backgrounds contributed to events in the Civil War.

WHAT TO DO:

- Students will visit Conner Prairie's Civil War microsite (civilwar.connerprairie.org), paying special attention to the Scrapbook section, to begin learning about the Porter family, Albert Cheatham, Governor Oliver P. Morton, and General John Hunt Morgan and his group of cavalry raiders.
- During your visit to 1863 Civil War Journey, students should choose one character from the story and try to explore the exhibit through that person's eyes.
 - The main characters presented in the exhibit are:
 - General John Hunt Morgan
 - Attia Porter
 - Albert Cheatham
 - Governor Oliver P. Morton
- See the attached worksheet for questions to help guide students' exploration of the microsite and their experience in 1863 Civil War Journey.
 - A key is provided for the microsite exploration guide.
 - There are no right answers to the questions on the exhibit exploration guide; rather the questions are meant to encourage students to look at Morgan's Raid through their characters' point of view and give them a new way to look at the exhibit.

TEACHING OPTIONS:

- In addition to completing the attached worksheets, students may write letters, journal entries, or poems or draw illustrations from a character's point of view that describe what happened to them during Morgan's Raid.

IN ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Social Studies: 4.1.7, 4.1.8



1863 CIVIL WAR JOURNEY: RAID ON INDIANA CHARACTER EXPLORATION GUIDES- CIVIL WAR MICROSITE

Visit www.civilwar.connerprairie.org. Click on "Explore" at the top of the page to learn more about the real-life characters you will meet when you visit Conner Prairie's 1863 Civil War Journey: Raid on Indiana. You will especially want to check out the "Scrapbook" section of the site. Then, answer these questions to help you get acquainted with the characters.

- 1.) On July 8, 1863, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan crossed the Ohio River into Indiana. What did the raiders do as they rode through southern Indiana?

- 2.) How did Morgan's Raid end?

- 3.) Where did the Porter family live?

- 4.) How did Attia and her family support the Union war effort?

- 5.) How did Judge William Porter feel about slavery?

- 6.) Who was Albert Cheatham?

- 7.) What did it mean to be a substitute in the military?

- 8.) What did Governor Morton do when Morgan's Raiders invaded Indiana?

- 9.) What is a Soldiers' Aid Society?



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- 1.) Morgan and his men destroyed train depots and telegraph lines and plundered civilians' supplies and livestock as they rode through southern Indiana.
- 2.) Morgan and his raiders were captured in Ohio on July 26, 1863. They were sent to prison.
- 3.) The Porters lived in Corydon, Indiana.
- 4.) The Porters supported the war effort by raising money, holding concerts, gathering supplies, and rolling bandages for the local Soldiers' Aid Society. Attia's mother was the president of the local Soldiers' Aid Society.
- 5.) Judge Porter was an abolitionist- he strongly disagreed with the practice of slavery.
- 6.) Albert Cheatham was an escaped slave who lived with the Porters in Corydon. He was captured by Morgan's men during the raid, escaped, and later joined the Union Army as part of the 28th United States Colored Troops.
- 7.) A man who wanted to avoid serving in the army could pay another man to take his place as a substitute. Albert Cheatham served as a substitute for a man named James Faught.
- 8.) Governor Morton called for all able-bodied men to join the state militia to push Morgan and his raiders out of Indiana.
- 9.) Soldiers' Aid Societies were civilian organizations that helped support troops in the field by raising money and supplies.



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These questions will get you thinking about what Morgan's Raid was like for our 1863 Civil War Journey character, *Attia Porter*.

How do you think Attia Porter felt about Morgan's Raid?

How do you think the Civil War changed her daily activities?

What do you think Attia did when she found out Albert had been captured by Morgan's raiders?

These questions will get you thinking about what Morgan's Raid was like for our 1863 Civil War Journey character, *General John Hunt Morgan*.

Why do you think General Morgan attacked things like train depots and telegraph offices?

Why do you think General Morgan decided to raid Indiana?

What do you think was General Morgan's biggest worry during the raid in Indiana?

These questions will get you thinking about what Morgan's Raid was like for our 1863 Civil War Journey character, *Albert Cheatham*.

Why do you think Albert decided to stay with the Porters after he escaped from slavery?

How do you think Albert felt when he learned Morgan and his men were invading Indiana?

Why do you think Albert decided to join the Union Army after Morgan's Raid?



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These questions will get you thinking about what Morgan's Raid was like for our 1863 Civil War Journey character, *Governor Oliver P. Morton*.

What do you think was Governor Morton's biggest worry during Morgan's Raid?

What would you have done to be a good leader for the state during Morgan's Raid?

What would you do if people did not agree with the things you did to try to help your state during the Civil War?