



## 1863 CIVIL WAR JOURNEY: RAID ON INDIANA CHARACTER EXPLORATION GUIDES RECOMMENDED FOR GRADE 8

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 ([www.civilwar.connerprairie.org](http://www.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 of journal entries from a character's point of view.

### IN ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Social Studies: 8.1.18, 8.1.21, 8.1.26, 8.1.28



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

Visit [www.civilwar.connerprairie.org](http://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. You may wish to explore other online Civil War resources as well, like those listed under the "Additional Resources" tab.

Then, answer these questions to help you get acquainted with the characters.

1. Why is Morgan's Raid significant? What happened during Morgan's Raid?
2. How did Morgan's Raid end?
3. How did Attia and her mother support the Union war effort?
4. Judge William Porter was an abolitionist. What does that mean, and how might it influence his feelings about the Civil War?
5. Who was Albert Cheatham?
6. Much of what Conner Prairie knows of Albert's story was gathered from bits and pieces of historical records. Why is it sometimes difficult to gather information about African Americans in history?
7. How did Governor Morton respond to Morgan's Raid?
8. What is a Soldiers' Aid Society? Why are they important?
9. Describe the role of Indiana citizens in stopping Morgan's Raid.

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

1. During Morgan's Raid, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan and his band of approximately 2000 cavalry raiders crossed the Ohio River into Southern Indiana. He destroyed train depots and telegraph lines and plundered civilians' supplies and livestock. Hoosier militia units and Federal forces pushed Morgan into Ohio, where he was finally captured. The raid took place in July of 1863. The raid is significant because it was one of only two Confederate attacks on Union soil during the war. The other was the Battle of Gettysburg.
2. Morgan and his raiders were captured in Ohio on July 26, 1863. They were sent to Federal prison.
3. 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.
4. An abolitionist is a person who thinks slavery is wrong and should be illegal. Judge Porter was a strong supporter to the Union war effort.
5. 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 28<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Troops.
6. Because of racial prejudices, the lives of African Americans often went undocumented, and so information on them can be difficult to gather.
7. Governor Morton called for all able-bodied men to join the state militia to push Morgan and his raiders out of Indiana.
8. Soldiers' Aid Societies were civilian organizations that helped support troops in the field by raising money and supplies. They were often led by women, and that is important because it gave women a role outside the home. The Aid Societies were also important because they supplied much needed items to the soldiers.
9. Because most Indiana soldiers were fighting in the South during Morgan's Raid, thousands of Indiana citizens joined militia groups to fight Morgan's raiders and barricade their path.



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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?

How would you respond if you found out one of your friends had been captured, as Attia's friend Albert was during Morgan's Raid?

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?

Just before Morgan began his raid through Indiana, the Confederacy lost major battles at Gettysburg and Vicksburg. How do you think this knowledge affected Morgan's decision to invade the North?

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 instead of going even further north after he escaped from slavery?

How do you think Albert felt when he learned Morgan and his men were invading Indiana?  
How would you react to the news?

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



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 concern during Morgan's Raid?

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

Many people in Indiana did not agree with Governor Morton's policies during the Civil War. What would you do if people did not agree with the things you did to try to help your state during a time of war?