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Project Description

Students will examine the Burning and Destruction of Atlanta Historical Marker to learn about the Battle of Atlanta that happened during the Civil War and how it impacted the state and the rest of the Confederacy.

Questions to consider:

- What resources did the city of Atlanta have that made it an important target for the Union army?
- What events happened during the months-long battle that led to the fall of Atlanta?
- What impact did the Railroad have on the city of Atlanta and why was it important to the rest of the Confederacy?

Inquiry Format

Students will be given pictures of Atlanta that were taken during the Atlanta campaign that show the impact of the battle on the city's homes and infrastructure. The students will also be given primary and secondary articles that give information about the city, the battle itself, and the aftermath of the battle during this time period to gather information from.

Georgia Standards of Excellence

GA Standards 8th Grade Georgia Studies

SS8H5 Analyze the impact of the Civil War on Georgia.

b. Explain Georgia's role in the Civil War; include the Union blockade of Georgia's coast, the Emancipation Proclamation, Chickamauga, Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, Sherman's March to the Sea, and Andersonville.

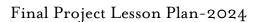
Primary & Secondary Sources to Use

Primary:

- Picture of a damaged house during the battle of Atlanta
- Picture of destroyed railroad depot
- Picture of Union soldiers tearing up Confederate railroad tracks before evacuating Atlanta.
- Picture of William T. Sherman during the Civil War
- William T. Sherman Papers "Atlanta Campaign"









Secondary:

- Atlanta Campaign Online encyclopedia article
- Atlanta Home Front Online encyclopedia article
- Civil War Industry and Manufacturing Online encyclopedia article

Expected Outcome/Output for Students

Students will gain an understanding of the events that took place during the Atlanta Campaign and how they impacted the rest of the state of Georgia. Students will examine the resources provided to learn about the causes, events, and effects of the Atlanta Campaign.

As a final assessment, students will be asked to write a summary of the events of the Battle of Atlanta and put in their own words how it impacted the rest of the state as well as the rest of the Confederacy. The summary needs to be a minimum of 300 words on a Word Document.

Historical Marker Connections

Students will have an

option to:

- 1. Identify two other markers dealing with the Atlanta Campaign and write a 4-sentence description of each.
- 2. Create a new marker dealing with the Atlanta Campaign or the March to the Sea and explain how the specific location relates to the events. The marker should be 100-130 words.



