TEACHING CHALLENGING HISTORIES

Andersonville

History is made up of stories, some based in fact, some come from legend, and others are combination of the two.

A **fact** is a "thing that is known or proved to be true." There is evidence that supports the story.

A **legend** is a traditional story told about a particular place or person, and can include elements of folklore, mythology or explanations for natural occurrences.

In the case of Andersonville, the large quantity of primary sources from prisoners who survived their imprisonment give historians the tools needed to separate fact from fiction.

Explore the primary and secondary sources listed to the right and make a list of some facts and legends surrounding the story of Andersonville
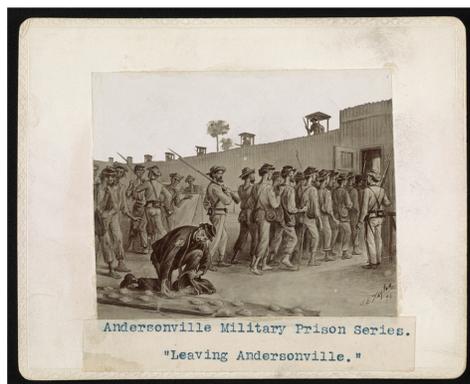
Primary Sources

The Story of Andersonville and Florence- Library of Congress
Map of Andersonville-Library of Congress

Secondary Sources

Myths of Civil War Prisons

Andersonville Prison (Henry Wirz) Trial (1865)

Stories in the Soil

"LTaylor, James E., Artist. "Leaving Andersonville" / J.E. Taylor 96. Photograph. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <www.loc.gov/item/2014645373/>.

Civil War Prisoners in Georgia

There are several Georgia Historical Markers that feature Andersonville, as

well as other prison camps where prisoners were relocated to.

Visit each of the locations using the <u>Georgia Historical Marker Database</u> links. Based on what you learned with the previous resources, create your own map of these Georgia locations and note what you think it was like for the Prisoners of War at each site.

Camp
Sumter:Confederate
Prison Site

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<u>Camp Sumter: Confederate Prison Site</u>

<u>Magnolia Spring Confederate Prison Site</u>

<u>Civil War Prison Camp</u>

Secondary Activity
Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Map & Globe Skills K-12: SSMGS8 Information
- Processing Skills K-12: SSIPS1, 2, 4, 6 Social
- Studies: SS8H5