**Introduction to the Civil War**

**Journal Assignment: Personal Narrative**

Students will write a journal entry from the point of view of a Northerner or Southerner. Some examples of characters to choose from include: politician, soldier, slave, farmer, business man, student, etc. Students will choose a side (North or South) and write as an individual living during the time period leading up to the Civil War. Describe differences between the two parts of the nation (North and South), how this affects your daily life, and why you support your chosen side. Remember to use specific examples and name specific events when describing what life is like and how you feel about the tension between the states.

**Journal Rubric Unsuccessful Successful Very Successful**

Spelling and Grammar 1 2 3 4 5

Identifies chosen side (North/South) 1 2 3 4 5

Identifies differences between 1 2 3 4 5

North and South

States effect on daily life 1 2 3 4 5

Supports decision with specific 1 2 3 4 5

example

Names specific historical events 1 2 3 4 5

Total \_\_\_\_/30

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