8th Grade: Georgia and the U.S. Civil War Video Project

**Social Studies Standard: SS8H6 The student will analyze the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Georgia.**  
b. State the importance of key events of the Civil War: include Antietam, the Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, the Union blockade of Georgia’s coast, Sherman’s Atlanta Campaign, Sherman’s March to the Sea, and Andersonville.

**Lesson Title**: What happened in Andersonville?

**Lesson Objective:** Students will learn the significant of the National Historic site in Andersonville, GA by conducting an online search and creating a video about what they find.

**Learning Activities:**  
**Day 1**: Student groups will research what happened in Andersonville, GA during the Civil War using the resources provided in the Digital Toolkit.

**Day 2:** Student groups will develop a script and/or storyboard for a 3-5 minute digital video based on their research and using the artifacts in the Digital Toolkit.

**Day 3:** Student groups will create 3-5 minute digital video based on the script and storyboard they developed.

**Day 4:** Continue working on the video.

**Day 5:** Students will share their videos with the rest of the class. Each student will write a critique of each video on an index card.

**Homework for the week:**  
**Write a reflection on one of the following and post to the class Civil War discussion blog. Respond to at least 5 other student reflections.**

* How did the Andersonville affect the treatment of prisoners-of-wars in future conflicts.
* What could have been done to prevent and to improve the horrible conditions at the Andersonville Prison?
* Compare and contrast the Andersonville Prison to today’s Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib prisons.

**Write a review of your group’s video, your contributions and your group member’s contributions.**

**Revisions (optional):** Students will be given extra time before school, during lunch and after school to re-edit their videos based on the feedback received from their classmates.

**Materials & Equipment:**- computers with internet access, Microsoft Office and MS Movie Maker  
- USB flash drive  
- Digital Toolkit zip file  
- projector attachment for video presentations  
-headphones for audio editing  
-digital recorder for any narration