

# Road to Civil War Unit Project

**Task:** *WHAT* are you going to create?

A project that argues which events had the greatest impact on the United States in the years leading up to the Civil War.

**Purpose:** *WHY* are you writing this?

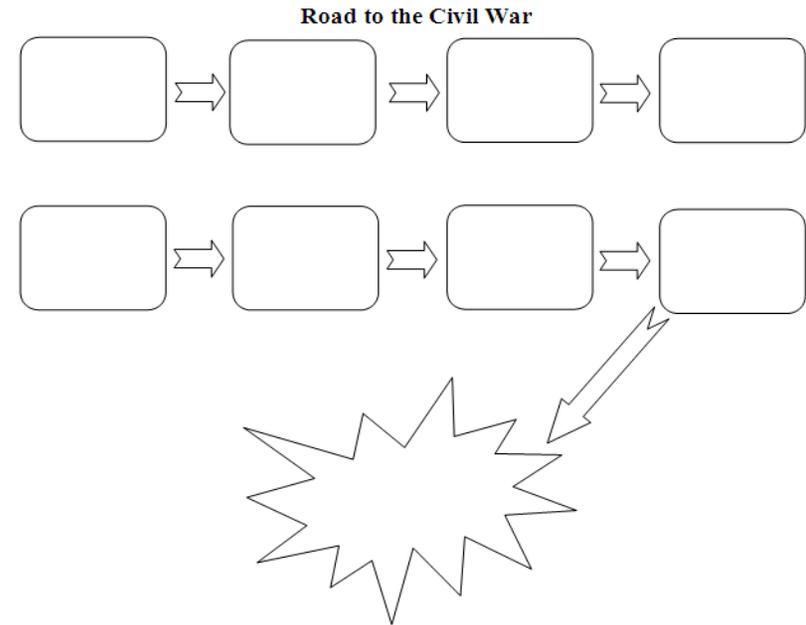
- To make and support a claim in an analysis of a complex issue using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence (W1)
- To produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience (W4)
- To develop and strengthen writing by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on what is most significant for purpose and audience (W5)
- To analyze various accounts of the subject told in different mediums, determining which details are emphasized in each (RIT 7)
- To synthesize multiple sources, demonstrating understanding of the issue (W7)
- To integrate information selectively, following a standard format for citation (W8)

**Audience:** *WHO* is your intended audience?

Your classmates and teachers

**Process:** *HOW* are you going to create this?

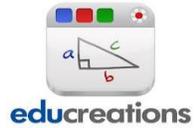
Use the chart below to first choose a type of project, then follow the guidelines for each project. Be sure to look at the examples provided.



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Written Review	Newscast	Idea Map	Blog Post
<p><b>App: NoteAnytime</b></p>  <p><b>OVERVIEW:</b> Brief and engaging introduction to give readers an idea of what your reviews will be about.</p> <p><b>IMAGE:</b> At least one image for each event review.</p> <p><b>WRITING:</b> You are a journalist writing reviews and analyzing 3 events that led to the Civil War.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>EXEMPLAR: Written Review</u></a></p>	<p><b>App: YouTube</b></p>  <p><b>TITLE:</b> Should express what the newscast is about.</p> <p><b>IMAGES:</b> At least 5 images that represent what you are reporting in the news.</p> <p><b>EVENTS:</b> You are a news reporter that is covering 3 of the major events leading to the Civil War.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>EXEMPLAR: Newscast</u></a></p>	<p><b>App: Poplet</b></p>  <p><b>TITLE:</b> Should express what the idea map is about.</p> <p><b>IMAGES:</b> Include at least 6 images in your idea map that fit with your events.</p> <p><b>EVENTS:</b> Cover 4 events that led to the Civil War by including details, images, and connections of the events to each other and ultimately to the Civil War.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>EXEMPLAR: Poplet</u></a></p>	<p><b>App: Word Press</b></p>  <p><b>Blog Title:</b> Thoughtful and creative for Civil War Era.</p> <p><b>Post:</b> 4 posts of at least 100 words a piece. One introduces the character and 3 each describe a different event that led to the Civil War from a firsthand account of a soldier preparing to join the army</p> <p><b>IMAGES:</b> At least 5 images that represent the events.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>EXEMPLAR: Word Press</u></a> <a href="#"><u>EXEMPLAR: Diary</u></a></p>

**Other:** You can propose another project using either of the two apps as long as it focuses on events leading to the Civil War and their impact.



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