

Gallery Walk Activity

Directions:

1. Round 1 - Everyone walks around as an individual observing the different Civil War Theater Exhibits. With your device, make observations (specific or general) are both fine. Look for the different varieties, what kind of visuals, techniques, and engaging factors are being used? What do you like that really sticks out? Any ah-ha moments? Any big disappointments? (10 minutes please)

Part I - Your jobs will be to analyze the following questions/concepts:

1. What do you see?
2. What is being labeled? Is there any symbolism being used?
3. Whose perspective is being shown?
4. What is the theme of the theater of war?
5. What technique is used to influence viewers?
6. Do you find the Civil War Theater exhibit to be effective? Why or why not?
7. What impact did the Civil War Theater have on the nation?
8. What questions are raised by you and your group?

2. Round 2 - Group Stage - Everyone will be assigned back to their theater group and you will work within your group to make conversation about the other group's theaters of war. The group will be responsible for picking 2 highlights from EACH of the exhibits in the room and discussing the questions from Round 1. (10 minutes please)

Part II - Compare and contrast the two theaters of the American Civil War

- A. What similarities are there between the two theaters of war?

B. What differences are there between the two theaters of war?

C. What aspect of this theater of war made a significant impact on the entire American Civil War?