**Civil War Cereal Box Project**

**Introduction**:

In the 19th century many people began moving to lands west of the Mississippi River. As a result of this growth in our country many questions arose as to how to maintain the balance of free and slave states. After many attempts to maintain peace through compromise on April 12, 1861 shots were fired at Ft. Sumter, South Carolina, thus beginning the American Civil War which would last 4 years and cost over 600,000 lives.

The American Civil War was a fierce struggle between Union and Confederate troops. There were many memorable battles such as the Battle of Bull Run and probably the most famous, The Battle of Gettysburg. By completing this project you and your group will take a closer look at what led to the problems, some of the key characters involved and how the outcome affected the United States.

**State Standard Target:**

***\* Civil War***

**Requirements:**

* **Research notes with sources cited in noodle tools**
* **Presented in a neat creative manner using a cereal box and construction paper.**
* **All must be typed using Times new Roman and 12 font size.**

**Procedure:**

1. Select group members to a total of 3 in the group.
2. Assign Roles within the group as follows:
   1. **Leader**-leads group discussions, keeps a work log that includes assigned tasks and due dates.
   2. **Editor/Typist-** Combines all of the group’s written work into one finished piece for the cereal box.
   3. **Graphics/Visual Director-** Does the art work for the pictures included on the cereal box. Responsible for items used to represent things from the war.

3. Create a cereal box project which tells the story of what happened during the Civil War and its effect on the United States. Use the following guidelines to complete this project:

- **Front: Title of Project, Picture representing something about the war. Please include group member’s names as well.**

**- Back: Map showing key battles as well as states that made up the Union and Confederacy. Don’t forget the capital of each.**

**- Right Side: 1) Characters of both sides (2 per side) with a brief description of each characters role in the war.**

**2.) Conflict description-Pick 2 key battles and detail what happened including the leaders, location and outcome of the battle.**

**- Left Side: Summarization of the Civil War and the lasting effect on the United States.**

4. Include 3 items that would represent something about the war.

**\*All members are responsible for research and bibliography information.**

**Presentations begin Friday May 20th.**