

The Columbus Museum: Civil War Traveling Trunk



Georgia Performance Standards: SS5H1; ELA4R1, ELA4W2, ELA4W3, ELA5R1, ELA5W3

2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War (1861-1865). Many sites and organizations throughout Georgia will be commemorating the events of the war over the next 4 years.

Going to School During the Civil War

As an introduction to the Civil War theme, read aloud from the book *Going to School During the Civil War: The Union*. Time permitting, allow students to create Morse Code messages (page 9) or explore the chalk slates found in the trunk. Extension: have students research their school. How old is the school? Find out which teachers have been at the school the longest and ask those teachers about changes they have seen. How has education changed since the Civil War?

Slaves for Sale

Using artifacts from “Let The Records Show” exhibit, students can see first hand what slave trade was like. What do they reveal about the time period? What do they reveal about the way enslaved people were treated? Why do they think slave owners kept a record of how much cotton was picked by each slave?