Civil War Photography Exhibit:
Instructions

You are living through the Civil War and you want to share your experience with loved ones. You will be sending your family a photograph and a one-page letter about your experience relevant to the image.

We are using the laptops to find photographs for your exhibit. The best source for Civil War photographs is through the Library of Congress internet site: http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/cwphome.html.

These projects will go on display in a common area of the school such as the library. This exhibit will help teach others in the school about this era.

Step One: The Photograph
From the Library of Congress website, you may choose any photograph that you like. The site offers you several ways to search for a photograph, either by subject, keyword, or year. Think about a person, battle, or other aspect of the Civil War that interests you and try searching for a photograph that way. To do this you can search by keyword or browse the subject index to do this. You will need to print this photograph and mount it in a way that your Civil War-era family would display it with pride in their home. If you need advice on this, ask for help.

Step Two: The Letter
After you have selected your photograph, you will need to write a letter that explains the image and the event it captures. For example, if you select a photograph from Antietam, write a letter about what you experienced in the battle, what side you were on, who won, etc. You might be a soldier in the battle, but you could also be a doctor, nurse, or journalist. If you have questions or need some ideas, please ask for help.

Attach your letter to your mounted photograph.
Good luck!!!