

Marching Through History Reenactment Extra Credit

Who: Living Historians from throughout history, ancient to modern: Rome, American Revolution, the Civil War, WWI, and WWII

What: Encampments, Demonstrations, and Battle Reenactments, Singing, Dancing, Crafts

Where: George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center, 3737 Crestview Avenue, Norco, CA 92860
(Corner of Sixth and Crestview) 951-735-3900 (Parking \$10)

When: Saturday Nov. 9 or Sunday Nov. 10. See Events Schedule below.

Why: Learn about history in an especially fun way.

Earn **40-80 points of extra credit**, depending on how long you attend, how many events you observe, and living historians you interview. Follow the instructions below.

For more information about the organization: <https://marchingthruhistory.org/>

How:

1. **Attend the event for 2-4 hours** (so you can see at least 2 events and interview at least 2 people)
2. **Watch the events** that are being re-enacted, listen to the speeches or talks that are given, visit the civilian camps and observe the activities there, interview the living historians (see suggested questions below), visit the sutlers (historical shops) to see what was sold then.
3. **Take notes** (in bullet style) describing what you see and hear. Write legibly (you may need to re-copy them at home later). Use your own words -- any appearance of copying will result in no points!
4. **Email me photos of yourself with re-enactors** (costumed living historians) and/or veterans.
Email address: huskyhistory@gmail.com (or send them through the “Remind” app). Make sure these are in the subject line of your email: **First and Last Name, Period, and “Civil War Reenactment”**

Due date: Tuesday 11-12-19 at the start of class.

Events Schedule (Locations within George Ingalls Event Center in parentheses)

Saturday Nov. 9, 2019

09:00 - Gates Open

09:30 – Ancients Drilling (Westside Field)

10:00 – Revolutionary War Battle Demo Lexington Green 1775 (Eastside Field)

11:00 – World War I Battle Demo (Eastside Field)

11:00 – Ancients Battle Demo (Westside Field)

12:00 – Grand Opening and Pass in Review – All Groups/Units (Main Stage)

13:00 (1:00 pm) – Spanish American War Battle Demo San Juan Hill/Kettle Hill (Eastside Field)

14:00 (2:00 pm) – Civil War Battle Demo (Eastside Field)

15:00 (3:00 pm) – World War II Battle Demo (Eastside Field)

16:00 (4:00 pm) – Gates Close

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019

09:00 - Gates Open

10:00 – World War II Battle Demo (Eastside Field)

11:00 – Civil War Battle Demo (Eastside Field)

11:00 – Ancients Battle Demo (Westside Field)

12:00 – Pass in Review – All Groups/Units (Main Stage)

13:00 (1:00 pm) – Spanish American War Battle Demo San Juan Hill/Kettle Hill (Eastside Field)

14:00 (2:00 pm) – World War I Battle Demo (Eastside Field)

15:00 (3:00 pm) – Revolutionary War Battle Demo Guildford Courthouse 1781 (Eastside Field?)

16:00 (4:00 pm) – Gates Close

Suggested questions for the living historians and veterans → → → → → → → → → →

Interview Questions for Living Historians and Veterans

These are suggested questions to ask or information to find out when you interview the living historians or veterans. **Feel free to add your own** and don't be afraid to ask spontaneous questions as you go! Take a small notepad with you so you can take notes easily as you visit the encampments. You'll meet many different living historians, so you'll be repeating the questions multiple times.

Suggested questions for military figures:

1. What historical figure are you interpreting?
2. What branch and unit of the military are you interpreting (if military). (North or South, if Civil War)
3. Can you explain your uniform to me? (they may have insignia, braid, or ribbons)
3. What exactly do you do in battle? What is being in battle like?
4. What battles have you served in? (you can also ask them what battles they depict in reenactments)
5. What types of weapons or equipment do you use? (ask them to show you their weapons if they can)
6. What sort of training did you need?
7. What is daily life like for you during a campaign? What's routine? What's not?
8. How do you communicate with those back home? How often do you get letters from them?
9. What do you do to pass the time when there isn't any action?
10. What do you carry with you as you travel from battle to battle? (ask to see their "personal effects")
11. What else can you tell me about your life as a soldier?
12. How did you learn how to interpret this person?
13. What made you choose to interpret this person/this time period?

Suggested questions for civilians (non-military people, doctors, nurses, sutlers*, etc.):

1. What historical figure or type of person are you interpreting?
2. What involvement with the war do you have? How is the war affecting you?
3. What sort of job or position do you have?
4. Can you tell me about your equipment or materials (depending on what they do)
5. Tell me about your (dress, suit, uniform). Is it comfortable?
6. What sort of training would this person have needed? (if they are a professional of some sort)
7. What battles have you witnessed?
8. What is daily life like for you? What is routine? What's not?
9. What else can you tell me about yourself?
10. How did you, the living historian, learn how to interpret this person?
11. What made you choose to interpret this person/this time period?
*people who followed an army and sold provisions to the soldiers

Suggested Questions for Veterans (feel free to add your own as well). **Be polite and respectful**, speak clearly, listen carefully, and be patient since some veterans are elderly and may not hear you very well or may be rather soft spoken. They have great stories to tell, so you don't want to miss out.

1. Name and rank of the veteran
2. War(s) or time period in which the veteran served
3. Branch and unit of the military he/she served in
4. What was his/her specific job(s) in the service?
5. Where was he/she sent (state/country/island; name of base)?
6. Names of battles if they had names; names/types of ships served on, types of planes/helicopters flown; tanks/jeeps/other equipment used.
7. What made you join the military? If you were drafted, how did you feel about it?
8. What was boot camp/training like?
9. What was your daily experience like while serving? What were the routine things? What was out of the ordinary? Under what conditions did you have to serve? (weather, bombardments, etc)
10. What situations or events really stand out in your memory about your service?
11. How did you communicate with family and friends back home?
What was it like having to be away from them for so long?
12. What do you want kids like me to know about your service and the service of others like you?
13. How do you feel about your service now as you look back on it?