

THE LINCOLN FAMILY HOME
HILDENE EDUCATION PROGRAM

A Vermont Story: The Equinox Guards & Civil War Camp Life
Grade Levels: 5-6

This program tells the story of the 87 young men from the Manchester area, the North Shire, who served in the Civil War. Our story, based primarily on soldiers' letters and newspaper accounts, follows these men from their enlistment and training in 1861, to the Battle at Savage's Station in 1862, where many of them were killed, to the reunions held years later. Students role-play actual members of the Equinox Guards. To illustrate the discipline, hard work and camaraderie of army camp life, students practice roll call, drills, marches and other activities including letter writing, singing, food sampling and sewing. By making connections between family, community, Vermont history, and United States history, this program is a resource to augment Vermont history or Civil War curricula.

Common Core State Standards Addressed:

Fifth Grade

Speaking & Listening > Comprehension & Collaboration: 5.1, 5.1b, 5.1c & 5.2

Reading: Informational Text > Key Ideas & Details: 5.1, 5.3 & 5.4

Sixth Grade

Speaking & Listening > Comprehension & Collaboration: 6.1 & 6.1c

Reading: Informational Text > Key Ideas & Details: 6.1 & 6.4

Reading History > Craft & Structure: 6-8.4 & 6-8.6

Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities Addressed:

Fifth through Eighth Grade

Historical Connections 6.4

Forces of Unity and Disunity 6.14

Nature of Conflict 6.18

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