

# DESCRIBE

## Graphic Organizer

### ② Concept/Unit

The life and experiences of soldiers

The Civil War

### ① Title and description of document

- Title: A Civil War Soldier in the Wild Cat Regiment, Pennsylvania
- Letter from Tilton Reynolds, a Civil War soldier, to Juliana Reynolds
- Written on Sept. 21st, 1864

### ④ Read-Ask a question-Answer

- 1 -Tilton is a soldier for the North and he went across the line to visit the camp of soldiers from the South.  
-The soldiers of the South insured him a safe trip.  
-He stayed in the camp for about 1/2 hour.

### ③ Unique features

-hand written by the soldier; some words are easy to read; some are difficult

-Juliana was the soldier's mother; begins "Dear Mother"

-contains a lot of abbreviations (rebs, regt, co)

-uses some different types of language (gaiters, mighty fine specimen)

### ③ New vocabulary

- pickets - the lines set up by each side indicating the boundary between camps
- rebs - Confederate soldiers, often called rebels
- regt - regiment, a group of soldiers that fight together
- proclamations - a public, official announcement
- pair of fine gaiters - a good pair of shoes or boots
- desertions - soldiers who ran away from their units...

- 2 -Tilton met a Southern lieutenant who said that soon soldiers would not be able to cross lines any longer.  
-Tilton thought the Southern lieutenant was a good man.  
-The Southern soldiers thought that General Grant was a good man.

- 3 -The Southern soldiers had not had coffee and sugar for 4 weeks.  
  
-Items like shoes and paper cost almost twice as much in the South.

### ⑤ Bring it all together

- Some Union soldiers and rebs who were camping close to each other crossed pickets and talked to each other.
- Tilton Reynolds, a Union soldier, thought that some rebs were good men.
- Some rebs thought that General Grant was a good man.
- Some Southern camps were without supplies; the Northern camps were not.
- Items like shoes and paper were more expensive in the South than they were in the North.