

Civil War Veterans: Teaching Tips

Activities

1. The Frankfort Public Art Tour includes the site of the African American Civil War Soldiers Monument. Visit the Internet site and together as a class, read about the monument.

<http://www.frankfortpublicart.com/sites/kentucky-african-american-civil-war-soldiers-monument>

There you will find a series of interview clips that share the history of the USCT and the monument. Some interview clips are about why people want to participate in re-enactments.

- Assign students to work in small groups to listen to several interview clips. Ask the groups to discuss and summarize what they learned from the clips they listened to.
- Ask students to discuss the purpose of the interview clips and the purpose of including the monument on the public art tour.
- Ask students to discuss the purpose of the artwork, “4th of July, 1867” and the purpose of the monument. In what ways are the purposes similar? Ask the groups to find a way to communicate something that they learned in a format other than a written report.

2. If possible, take a fieldtrip to Frankfort. Include the African American Civil War Soldiers Monument as a site to visit.