

# BOWLING GREEN UNDER TWO FLAGS

## SUMMARY

Hardtack, coffee, and a harmonica song - these are things that get a Civil War soldier through the day. Learn about munitions and the occupation of Bowling Green. Complete the program with a mock smoke writing activity.

**GRADE LEVEL:** 3-6, 8-12

**ACTIVITY DURATION:** 1 hour

**SETTING:** Classroom

**SUBJECT AREAS:** Human Environment Interaction, Geographic Reasoning, Kentucky Geography, Kentucky History, Microeconomics

**NGSS:** 3.E.MI.2, 3.E.KE.1, 3.G.HE.1, 3.H.KH.1, 4.G.HE.1, 4.G.GR.1, 5.G.HE.1, 5.G.KGE.1, 5.H.KH.1, 8.G.KGE.E, HS.G.HE.2, HS.G.GR.2

**OBJECTIVES:** This program is designed to explain Bowling Green's involvement in the Civil War with a focus on how soldiers interacted with Lost River Cave. Students will learn of the daily life at the cave revolving around food, recreational activities, and land usage of Civil War soldiers.

- Discuss how soldiers used the land and other natural resources at Lost River Cave
- Identify artifacts used by soldiers
- Experience a mock smoke writing activity using charcoal

**COOPERATIVE APPROACH:** This program will work with the Nature Cultures at the cave and/or Carving Out Commerce for an introduction of the historic people who utilized Lost River Cave for cultural and habitation reasons. This program also works great with the Cave Boat Tour by providing the students with a view of the groundwater that entices the people to occupy the cave and the valley.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:** With this program, students are shown the daily lives of soldiers that were in the Bowling Green area and how they interacted with Lost River Cave. Civil War lessons generally focus on conflict and tactics; this program focuses on soldiers as human beings and what their day to day lives entailed.

By learning how the soldiers used the area, the cave, and the water sources, students may be inspired to have a more meaningful appreciation for natural resources. Students will also gain an insight on the importance of natural resources in history and their impact of sustaining life.



**VOCABULARY:** Natural Resource, Civil War, Recreation, Artifact, Confederacy, Harmonica, Soldier