

Lesson Plan-Dan Close

Overview-Students will learn about two men from the Sotterley Plantation fighting on opposite sides in the Civil War.

Grade Level – 11 and 12

Time-one to two days

Objective-Students will understand the motivations of George Briscoe in escaping the plantation and joining the USCT. Students will understand the motivations of Dr. Henry Briscoe in joining the CSA. Students will know the facts of the Siege of Petersburg. Students will appreciate the personal stories of those involved in the war.

Activities-

- Explain George Briscoe's life, his attempts to escape, and what being in the USCT must have meant to him
 - Explain the history of the United States Colored Troops
 - Explain the life of Dr. Henry Briscoe and what being in the CSA meant to him
 - Explain the siege of Petersburg
 - Have students write a fictional account of George and Henry meeting on the Petersburg battlefield

Outcome-Students will understand various motivations in the Civil War as well as some of the personal stories of those involved.