

Preparing for your Civil War Quest project

1. Go on a Civil War Quest, to get a feel for the program. Options include:

- a) **The Fearless Fighters Quest**, Woodstock, VT
Created by the Woodstock Elementary School 4th Grade
- b) **Hartford in the Civil War: A Driving Tour Quest**, Hartford, VT
Created by Hartford Middle School students
- c) **The West Cemetery Civil War Quest**, Keene, NH
Created by Antioch New England Graduate students

You may download these Quests, or download a virtual Power Point Quest at:

<http://www.vitalcommunities.org/ValleyQuest/cwquest>

2. Review the “Annotated Quest” on the web site to see the relationship among clues, sources and lessons.

3. Choose your Cemetery

Most towns in our region have six to a dozen cemeteries—or more. Many of them are quite small. A few things to keep in mind when choosing a cemetery for your project:

- How close is it to your school?
- Will it be difficult to find transportation to & from this site?
- How large is it? Is there too much ground to cover? Or not enough material for your class? (1 veteran for every 2 students works well)

Your local historical society, sexton or cemetery commissioner can be a good resource when determining which cemetery may be appropriate.

4. Secure permission from your Cemetery Commission or sexton to use the site.

5. Preview the Cemetery

Make notes regarding the Civil War veterans you find.

6. Try looking up the veterans you find on the *Vermont in the Civil War* website

7. Bring your list of soldiers to your local historical society, and see what primary and secondary resources they have.

8. Pick one soldier, and using this soldier, run through all of the lessons to familiarize yourself with the process of the unit.