**Michigan and the Civil War Project**

Choose one of the options below:

1. **You will write TWO newspaper articles that could have appeared in a local newspaper during the Civil War. Articles must meet the following criteria:**
   1. Take up one entire page (total for both)
   2. Have an image
   3. Have an article title
   4. Be historically accurate (that’s why you have the computers!)
      1. Accurate details like date, time, location, battle names
   5. Be written like you are a reporter from this era
   6. Use vivid language (make people want to read your article)
   7. Have a picture
2. **Taking on the role of a Civil War soldier from Michigan, write a letter back home to your family. Letters must include:** 
   1. Be a minimum of one page in length (no 20 point font)
   2. You must address your letter appropriately
   3. You must sign your letter appropriately
   4. Use accurate language from the time (speak like you are a soldier serving your country in the 1800’s- NO SLANG)
   5. Put yourself in their shoes. What would you write about? Missing home? A friend you made? The most recent battle/experience?
   6. Be historically accurate (that’s why you have the computers!)
      1. Accurate details like date, time, location, battle names

Good resources:

* J. Worth Carnahan, Manual of the Civil War and Key to the Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Societies (Google book you can view for free)
* Michigan Historical Museum
* The National Park Service (they have an entire section devoted to Civil War facts!)
* Michigan.gov
* www.legislature.mi.gov
* Seekingmichigan.org (good records archive)

**TOTAL: 25 Points**