

Fall Reading Program



assistant who doesn't obey library rules? Besides, why do you want this job?"

I apologized for my rudeness and explained that Chloe and I had purchased drums from the Civil War. I told her about needing money to pay for lessons and the window. This job would allow me to make money and to learn about the Civil War. I was certain I could learn how my drum set was used in battle. She listened carefully before speaking.

"Yes, ma'am," I whispered enthusiastically.

"Originally, we were only seeking one person, but since you and Chloe are such a team, how about I hire you both?"

"TerRUFFic!" Chloe and I cheered softly.

"Super! You're hired. Call and check with your parents and ask permission to begin working this afternoon."

I was sure Mom and Dad would be disappointed I wouldn't be able to provide a drum concert this afternoon, but I knew they'd understand. Chloe called Mom and received permission.

"Before you can complete this job, you will need to be knowledgeable about the war. Therefore, let's spend time researching. We'll have a section in the 'Brother Against Brother' room called 'Background' that will feature the history and the reason the war occurred. For now, focus on the history and possible causes."

Mrs. Grant gave us some books to use. She also handed us pencils, paper and other materials we would need. "This will be the room you'll use each day," Mrs. Grant pointed out as she escorted us to our very own room right behind the circulation desk.

"Wow, Chloe! We have our own office! Maybe we can get a nameplate to put on our desk."

I was pondering if my nameplate should say my real name Dogwood or my nickname Woody when Chloe said, "This book has a section titled 'A Brief Summary of the Civil War.' That seems like a logical place to start."

We immediately learned the war began on April 12, 1861, and lasted until 1865. Using my calculator, I subtracted 1861 from our current year of 2011. Wow - the war began 150 years ago, just like Mrs. Grant said.

"Chloe, how old is Mr. Malone?" I asked.

"Probably 45 or 46," Chloe responded. "Why do you want to know?"

"Uh-oh, I think we need to apologize," I said, before reminding her of our earlier mistake. While I explained, Chloe wrote, "Civil War: 1861 to 1865" as neatly as possible on her paper.

"Does it say what countries were fighting? Best I remember, I think Switzerland had something to do with the war," I informed Chloe.

"It says here the Civil War was a war between the states. Different states here in the United States were fighting against other states in the United States," Chloe read.

"That doesn't make sense," I argued. "We're called the United States of America, and Dad told us the word united means people or things working together as one. Why would the United States be fighting against each other?"

Chloe and I were very curious to find out the cause of the Civil War when Mrs. Grant appeared with a worried look on her face.

"Woody, it seems as if we have a problem with hiring you."

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Chapter 4

Library Assistant Needed

Seeking organized individual who can develop a new section of our library to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Must be motivated, focused and punctual. Must be familiar with the Dewey Decimal System. Beginning wages - \$7.50 per hour. If interested, see Mrs. Grant.

"Mrs. Grant! Mrs. Grant!" I shouted as loudly as possible. "I must get this job!"

"Please lower your voice, Dogwood," Mrs. Grant instructed. "How can I possibly hire a library

"I'll admit, Woody, you love the library and you're motivated. Let me explain the job." Chloe and I listened as Mrs. Grant explained.

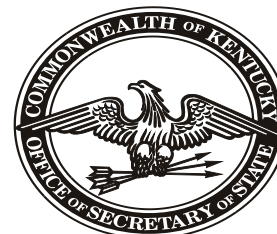
"For the next four years, Kentucky will be commemorating - or remembering - our state's role in the Civil War. We'll focus on the history, causes, soldiers, as well as the changes and aftermath once the Civil War ended. Our library wants to develop a new section called 'Brother Against Brother.'"

Mrs. Grant noticed our confused looks.

"Once you begin researching, you'll understand the phrase 'brother against brother.' Anyway, the section will include books, newspaper and magazine articles, paintings, artifacts and other memorabilia from The War Between the States. We need someone to develop and organize an informative and engaging section. After hearing the explanation, are you still interested?"



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