

Virginia Museum of the Civil War

New Market Battlefield * Historic Bushong Farm

Find the distance from your home or school to the New Market Battlefield, then using the information below, compare the time it would take to make the trip today versus travel times in 1864. Remember, Interstate 81 didn't exist, so plan your route along roads like US 11, US 340 and US 211 that generally follow the course of their 19th -century predecessors.

<u>METHOD OF TRAVEL</u>	<u>AVERAGE DISTANCE TRAVLED PER DAY</u>
On Foot	10 Miles
On Horseback	25 Miles
By Train	15 MPH x 8 Hours =120 miles

Pre-Visit Worksheet

Read the book Ghost Cadet by Elaine Alphin. What does "historical fiction" mean? Take notes on what parts of the story are true events, and which were made up for the book. Tour the battlefield and see the places Cadet McDowell and Benji mention in the book.



Just like today children would have had daily chores, but there was still time for fun. Research the types of games children played in the mid-19th Century. How do they compare to the games you play today? Are any similar?



What will you see?

Draw a map of the Shenandoah Valley; include the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Appalachian Mountains, the Massanutten Mountain, the town of New Market, the Shenandoah River, and anything else of interest. Will you have to cross a mountain, river, or any other natural obstacles on your way? Could you navigate over these obstacles in the 1860s or would you have to find a way around them?