Virginia Museum of the Civil War
New Market Battlefield State Historical Park* Historic Bushong Farm
Post-visit Questions

❖ How did it feel to be a cadet in battle?
   Pretend you are a VMI cadet. Write a letter home telling your family about
   the battle of New Market and your involvement. Were you in the battle?
   Were you wounded? Were you scared?

❖ Journal Entry
   The Bushong family was forced to hide in their cellar as the battle raged on
   around them. Afterwards, their house and outbuildings became makeshift
   hospitals for those wounded in battle. Imagine you are a member of the
   family and write a journal entry about your experience during the battle.
   What did you see? What did you hear? Now that the battle is over what do
   you think will happen to your family and the farm? How might your chores
   differ right after the battle?

❖ Be a reporter
   Newspapers were the most reliable sources of news in the 1860s. Pretend
   you were a reporter at the Battle of New Market and saw the action first
   hand. Write an article describing your experiences. Remember to answer