Dear General, (1860-1863)

 It is hard to believe that after all we have been through that this country has entered a Civil War. As a country we have been united ever since colonial times and the American Revolution. How could something like this happen only God knows? Anyway we continue onwards to stopping the Confederate Rebels and uniting this country once again. However, we need your help. The country is wondering what is happening on the battlefront. We need you and your men to research what has been happening so far. **Have your men write a letter home to their parents/family to help them understand what has been happening up to the Battle of Gettysburg. I am sure that this would relieve the American families and give us an understanding of the war right now.**

 Remember that some information should be classified so have your soldiers write only about the following information (listed below this letter). Thank you for your hard work and understanding. American will stand strong during this time of crisis.

Sincerely,

Patriot till the end

Research the following:

1. The Battle of Fort Sumter Charleston, South Carolina
	1. Write about this first battle of the Civil War, how did it start and who won?
2. Battle of Hampton Roads (USS Monitor and CSS Virginia)
	1. Describe the battle at sea, how did this impact the war?
	2. Describe the type of ships and their armory, the technology of the time.
	3. Who won this battle and why?
3. The Battle of Antietam Sharpsburg, Maryland
	1. Why was this battle so important to the Union (the North)?
	2. Who won and how?
4. The Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee
	1. Why was this battle important to the Union (the North)?
	2. Why did the North need to win this battle?
5. The Gettysburg Address
	1. Why did Lincoln give this speech, where was it given?
	2. Why is this speech so important and how did it impact the nation/war effort?