

## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Learning objectives: The student will

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of expressing different points of view in a democratic society.
2. Analyze the roles of certain individuals prior to and during the Civil War (or Texas Revolution or topic of the teacher's choosing)
3. Explain the issues surrounding the Civil War.
4. Evaluate the impact of Supreme Court decisions including Dred Scott v. Stanford
5. Compare effects of Congressional conflicts prior to Civil War.

TEKS: 8.7D; 8.18C; 8.24B

Materials: Text and research material on topic assigned

Vocabulary: Dependent on the topic to be researched

Strategy:

1. Divide the students into small groups (3-4 is preferable)
2. Explain that students will be having a dinner party for 10. These 10 will include Reformers and Civil War participants. (Or whoever you choose-Texas Revolutionary heroes, cattle drivers and oil workers, world leaders, etc.)
3. Students need to decide the seating arrangement at the table. They need to draw a picture of the table and justify the placement of the members at the party. (i.e. Sojourner Truth is seated by Abraham Lincoln so they can talk about abolishing slavery with a national law) Students may also set people together who might not get along so one can change the opinion of the other, have a spirited debate, etc.
4. Students will then script a 2 page conversation between the people at the table. Students must use proper technique for writing dialogue. (Language Arts Teachers can help here.)
5. Have students plan the meal based on the time period. If you want to follow all the way through, you can actually have the meal with students playing the various roles.

### Grading Guide

40 points for diagram-10 for the map

30 for the written justification

10 points for the meal

50 points-scripted dialogue-shows a solid knowledge of roles and opinions of dinner guests. Conversation contains content specific to applicable topics.

### GT-Pre-AP

Invite both historical and present day people to the same dinner. (i.e. Jefferson Davis and Jesse Jackson)