GRADE 8
GRADE 11

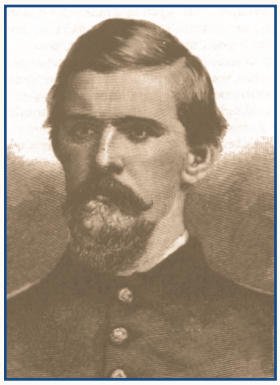
Here are a few Civil War personalities for students to research on their own. *They are in no particular order. Obviously, many, many names are left out. Use your creativity, your interests, and your students' interests to find more names. Rather than doing a book report or writing assignment, you may want to encourage kids to write poems, draw posters, perform skits, write letters, etc. Keep in mind that,* ***sometimes the "oddball" facts of information and strange details are what cause a kid to be "turned on" to history.*** *And, while many students may want to do a report on Robert E. Lee, there is* ***so much information*** *about him that this assignment may be difficult for a student who may be struggling. If you feel like giving your students a challenge, just give them a "tidbit" of really juicy information and have them find out which person you're talking about. (For example, who was called "Old Fuss and Feathers"? Who rode with Quantrill and became a bank robber?)*

Abner Doubleday: Did he really "invent" baseball? From *Battles and Leaders III.*

John Singleton Mosby. From *Battles and Leaders III.*

William Tecumseh "Cump" Sherman
Rose O'Neal Greenhow
Gen. James Terrill, CSA, and Gen. William Terrill, USA
Louisa May Alcott
Ulysses Simpson Grant (Why was he called "The Butcher"?)
Robert E. Lee (Why was he called "the King of Spades"?)
James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart
Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson
Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain
Walt Whitman
Clement Vallandigham (The Man Without a Country)
Mathew Brady (Did he really take all those pictures?)
William Quantrill
Dr. Samuel Mudd (Was he really guilty? Was his treatment fair?)
Jesse James
George Armstrong Custer
Carrie Berry
John Singleton Mosby
Sam R. Watkins, 1st Tennessee (*Co. Aytch*)
John D. Billings, 10th Massachusetts Battery (*Hardtack and Coffee*)
George McClellan
Alfred Bellard, 5th New Jersey (*Gone for a Soldier*)
Stand Watie
Winfield "Old Fuss and Feathers" Scott
Jubal Early
John Brown
Mary Bickerdyke
Frederick Douglass
Benjamin Butler
Cochise
David Glasgow Farragut
Nathan Bedford Forrest
Mary Surratt
John Wilkes Booth
Henry Wirz
James Longstreet
Daniel Sickles (including the "lost leg" and his insanity defense in a murder)

Who is this young man? From *Battles and Leaders I.*



William Terrill, USA, killed at Perryville. From *Battles and Leaders III.*