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### Assignment #1

#### Vocabulary

Define and use each word in a sentence pertaining to the Civil War.

Artillery	Ballistics	Circuitous
Countenance	Derringer	Emporium
Gunsmith	Hilarity	Horizon
Jurisdiction	Obstruct	Premises
Regiment	Rendezvous	Spectacles

### Assignment #2

#### Discussion Questions

Answer the following questions in essay format.

1. Who killed Major Pleasants and why?
2. Why was Louise Devereux arrested for the murder, and how was she cleared of the crime?
3. Why did Major Pleasants' widow want Harry to solve the murder?

### Assignment #3

#### Writings/Projects

These activities may be used to enrich your understanding of *A Rose at Bull Run*.

1. Have the students write a letter to a friend (either a southerner or northerner) about what they saw as they watched the battle at Bull Run.
2. Write an alternative ending chapter to the story, having someone else be the murder. Be sure to include the clues that are solved in discovering who killed Major Pleasants and why this person killed him.
3. Create a mobile of the main characters in the book. In the middle of the mobile, the title and author on one side, and on the back write the page

numbers, setting, and theme. Your mobile should include a minimum of eight characters. On one side should be a picture of the character labeled, and on the back you should list three facts about the person.

4. Prepare a diorama of the Manassas battlefield. Be sure to include the people who sat in their carriages, watching the battle.
5. Write a poem about the Manassas Battle. Remember, a poem does not have to rhyme.
6. Choose one of the following people who influenced history during the Civil War that was mentioned in this story. Prepare a presentation that includes both oral and visual methods.

Abraham Lincoln

John Wilkes Boothe

Clara Barton

Allan Pinkerton

Belle Boyd

Col. William T. Sherman

General George McClellan

General Irvin McDowell