



# Camp Douglas

1861-1865



## Post Readers' Theater Suggestions

### Possible Class Discussion Questions

1. What documents could be used to learn about events in the past?
2. What do you think life was like at Camp Douglas?
3. What do you think the Confederate prisoners at Camp Douglas were feeling?
4. What do you think the Union guards were feeling?
5. If you had been a prisoner-of-war at Camp Douglas, would you have tried to escape? Why or why not?
6. If you had been a prisoner-of-war at Camp Douglas, would you have signed the Oath of Allegiance to be paroled and sent home? Why or why not?
7. Why do you think Mrs. Graves decided to stay in her home throughout the existence of Camp Douglas despite being in the midst of what must have been, to say the least, unpleasant circumstances?
8. If you were a relative (mother, father, wife, sibling, or friend) writing a letter to a prisoner-of-war or a guard, what would you have said in your letter?
9. Why do think people want to remember something that happened so long ago?

### Possible Student Assignments

1. Students write a letter home from a Confederate prisoner-of-war or a Union guard.
2. Students write a letter from home to a Confederate prisoner-of-war or a Union guard.
3. Students write a paragraph or essay in response to a question.
4. Students participate in a debate: Yes or No – Confederate prisoners-of-war should have signed the Oath of Allegiance.