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Welcome back after a nice long Easter vacation!

To begin, I want to remind you to read these letters carefully. These letters often give more detailed instructions than the lesson plan sheet, and some of you are losing points because you are not completing assignments properly.

Second, in one week, we will be changing to these packets being delivered digitally. Your assignments will be delivered and submitted via email. Because of that change, I will send these assignments to you via email along with providing paper copies. For these next two packets, you can choose how to complete your assignments, but I recommend you try doing your assignments electronically as a test run.

While I will continue to push most material to you via email, I will also post materials to my website – you can always use that as a reference point!

The documents I send you will all be Word documents. On my website, I have included a link to a Loom video to help you in downloading, completing, and submitting assignments. Go to my webpage at <https://marissaresel.weebly.com> – click on the 8 Reading page – click on the link and watch the video!

Now, onto your assignments, over the next few days, we will be reading three stories that all deal with the Civil War. One story is a nonfiction encyclopedia entry, another is a nonfiction narrative, and a third is a historical fiction story. As you read, think about how the stories compare and contrast.

Here is a summary of what you need to complete in this packet:

* Pre-reading video & paragraph – due Tuesday (4/21).
* Read “The Battle of Shiloh.”
* Read “Drumbeats & Bullets.”
* Complete Worksheet – due Tuesday (4/21).

As always, you should feel free to contact me with any problems or questions—I’m here to help! Work carefully, write legibly, and finish assignments completely!