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**Pre-Civil War Postcards**

**Task**: You will be creating three postcards from people that lived in the three sections of the U.S. during the pre-Civil War era (1850-1861).

**Objective**: You will describe life was like in the different sections and how they would have discussed their beliefs/values. You will be writing to a friend or relative that lives in another section of the United States, so be clear in your descriptions.

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| **Front of the Postcards** | **Back of the Postcards** |
| * A visual depiction of the environment and lifestyle of the 3 sections
* The name of the section of the US
* Short catchphrase convincing someone to visit the section of the US
* No stick figures
* Must be in color
* Visually appealing and neat
 | * Two paragraphs describing what your life is like and what the environment is like in the section
* Postmarked date in right corner
* Address of a person in another section you will be sending it to
* Needs to be in 1st person
* Keep the information about each section in mind, think of the E.S.P.N .
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# **Postcard Rubric - 100 points for all 3 sections**

# **Students will be graded on all 3 postcards collectively. Make sure each one contains all components.**

**Back of Card (50 points)**  **Possible** **Points Total Points**

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| **Proper Grammar and Punctuation** - Writing flows and makes sense. | 5 pts |  |
| **Correct information -** The details describing life and the environment are based on research and notes. | 20 pts |  |
| **Postcard Format** – The letter is formatted in the style of a real postcard. | 5 pts |  |
| **Properly Addressed** - Your postcard is properly addressed to someone living in another section of the United States Pre-Civil War.  | 10 pts |  |
| **Correct Postmark -** The postmark provided fits with the time period. | 10 pts |  |

**Front of Card (50 points)**  **Possible** **Points Total Points**

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| **Contains -** a collage (minimum 8 pictures) of printed pictures or 1 drawn detailed picture. Must be in color. | 30 pts |  |
| **Postcard Title -** Names the section or a state within the section correctly. | 5 pts |  |
| **Neatness** - handwriting, pictures, and graphics should all be presented neatly.  | 5 pts |  |
| **Catchphrase -** Postcard contains a original phrase, associated with the section.  | 10 pts |  |