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Maryland in the Civil War: Signaling an Invasion Activities Worksheet

1. Name the physical and human-made features that are identified in Lieutenant Milner's message

a _____

b _____

c _____

2. In what year were the following methods of communication first used?

a. Carrier Pigeon _____

b. Email _____

c. Flags _____

d. Postal Mail _____

e. Radio _____

f. Telegraph _____

g. Telephone _____

3. Put these dates on the timeline below:



4. Write at least one advantage and one disadvantage for each of these methods for carrying messages during war time.

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Carrier Pigeon		
Flags		
Postal Mail		
Telegraph		

5. What is going on in each of the nine pictures that make up the large Signal Corps image? In each box write a short description of the scene or situation in which the Signal Corps is at work.

6. Here are the flag signals that were used by the Signal Corps during the Civil War.



Ready



1



2



3



4



5

Here is the alphabet using these number signals.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
11	1423	234	111	23	1114	1142	231	2	2231	1434	114	2314

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
22	14	2343	2342	142	143	1	223	2311	2234	1431	222	1111

5 - the end of a word.

55 - the end of a sentence.

555 - the end of a message.

Now decipher the following message:

$\overline{114}$ $\overline{23}$ $\overline{23}$ $\overline{5}$ $\overline{142}$ $\overline{23}$ $\overline{1}$ $\overline{142}$ $\overline{23}$ $\overline{11}$ $\overline{1}$ $\overline{2}$ $\overline{22}$ $\overline{1142}$ $\overline{5}$

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