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## *New Social Studies Content*

### *Civil War*

Attention fifth and sixth grade teachers!

Last month, resources were added for a new Social Studies topic: *Civil War*.

To access these resources, login to your teacher account and choose the search button, or choose the links tab in your classroom management account.

Under the topics search, choose *Social Studies* as your subject and *Civil War* as your topic.



## *Previous Month Social Media Round Up*

Do you [follow us on Twitter](#)? Have you [liked us on Facebook](#)? If not, here's what you missed last month! Now, go follow and like us so you don't miss out on the great free interactive content we share this month!

Discover a new land and create an independent colony with this downloadable interactive game.

<http://www.freecol.org/>

Enjoy this fun memory game for indoor recess at the interactive whiteboard on cold winter days.

<http://media1.knowledgeadventure.com/ka/Files/Games/memory3/memory3.swf>

Give your students experience creating a short animated sequence with Tumbletown movie maker.

<http://www.tvokids.com/games/tumbletownmoviemaker>

Share a great simulation to challenge students to navigate peer relationships successfully.

<http://www.zap.ca/pike/pSTART.swf>



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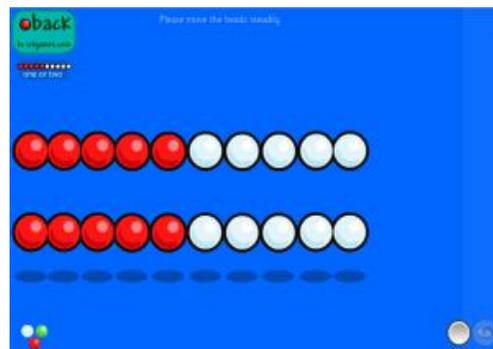
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## Standard Spotlight: K.OA.A.3

One of the most common questions we are asked is how our library of digital content supports the Common Core. Here are five pieces of digital content a teacher might choose from our library to support and enhance the teaching of: CCSS.Math.Content.K.OA.A.3 *Decompose numbers less than or equal to 10 into pairs in more than one way, e.g., by using objects or drawings, and record each decomposition by a drawing or equation (e.g.,  $5 = 2 + 3$  and  $5 = 4 + 1$ ).*

### ★ [Brilliant Beadstring Rekenrek](#)

You could use this virtual manipulative with students either on laptops/tablets/Chromebooks or using real manipulatives. Activities can be developed that help students to visualize a number decomposed in different ways and to try to create all of the different ways a number can be decomposed.



(A content guide with four activities to use with this resource is available for StarrMatica members. Find it with the math content guides in the links search. [Click here to watch a video that shows how to locate the math content guides.](#))

### ★ [Calculation Balance](#)

You could also use this virtual manipulative with students either on laptops/tablets/Chromebooks. This manipulative moves your students from using objects to represent decomposition to using numbers. Students could be challenged to find several ways to balance the scale for a given number.

### ★ [Make A Number](#)

You could use this animation to review how a number can be created in many different ways. It includes a manipulative that allows students to separate blocks into two groups and record their decompositions.

### ★ [Butterfly Ten Frame](#)

You could use this simple activity with students to practice and record number combinations that equal ten.

### ★ [Big Wig Sub Shop](#)

You could use this resource to check for student understanding. The game challenges students to find all of the number sentences that name the given number.

*Need help finding that perfect digital resource? Email or call StarrMatica's digital content experts. We would be happy to help!*

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