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This assignment asks you to go to a website and answer a series of questions about items for sale. Remember to express yourself fully and carefully in your essays, using the skills you have learned in Language Arts class this year.

WEB ASSIGNMENT: UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT OF THE U.S. INFANTRY 1861 - 1865



Go to the following web page:

<http://www.jarnaginco.com/>

In this assignment, you will be asked to “purchase” reproduction clothing and equipment to replicate the photograph seen above.

Scroll down to the spot on the homepage titled: “Civil War Federal 1861 – 1865”. Click on this link.

PART I: FILL IN THE BLANK SECTION:

- You are going shopping! Your job is to “buy” a complete reproduction outfit for the Union soldier in the photograph above. Keep careful track of the prices please - this assignment is largely about the mathematics!
- **ON THIS ASSIGNMENT YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO WRITE DIRECTLY ON THIS PACKET AND SUBMIT IT FOR A GRADE. (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE YOUR OWN PAPER)**

UNIFORM ITEMS: U.S. SOLDIER

Scroll down the left side (black) menu column until you see “Federal Enlisted” written in red. Click on the yellow link called “Coats and Vests”.

Frock coat: The soldier in our picture is wearing the issue nine-button “frock” coat. It was a very impressive garment; generally sewn completely by hand and containing forty-two separate pieces of material. It used to take the seamstresses fourteen hours of sewing to complete this one garment. Scroll down the catalog until you get to item #801 “Federal Frock Coat (Enlisted). Your jacket will be trimmed in sky blue.

- **How much will it cost me for a Size 44 Federal Frock Coat (Enlisted)?**
\$ _____

Now go back to the left side and click on “Trousers”.

Trousers: We can’t see our soldier’s trousers clearly in this photograph, but we can assume that he was issued the standard infantrymen’s trousers - item #806 “Foot Pattern Army Trousers (Sky Blue Wool)”. Notice how the trousers have no back pockets like modern pants.

- **How much will it cost me for a Size 36 pair of Foot Pattern Army Trousers (Sky Blue Wool)?** \$ _____

Keep scrolling down until you get to the blue word titled “suspenders”.

Suspenders: In order to keep your trousers from falling down, the soldier in the photograph would have to be wearing suspenders that attach to the buttons on his pants. Look for item #500 “Suspenders” .

- **How much will it cost me for suspenders (Linen)?**
\$ _____

Now go to the left column and click on “Hats and Kepi’s”.

Forage cap: The soldier in our picture is wearing the most common cap worn by the Union soldier - the forage cap. You can find it in the catalog as - item #809. The top of the cap is round, and when worn it has a distinctive “flop” or “tilt” that can be clearly seen in the photograph of our soldier.

- **How much will it cost me for a “Federal Forage Cap “Bummer” (Dark Blue Wool)?** \$ _____

Now go back to the left column and scroll up until you see the link labeled “Shirts & Underwear”. Click on this link.

Shirt: Although we can’t see it in the picture, there is no doubt that the soldier in our photograph would have been issued a shirt to wear under his jacket. The best guess on the type of shirt would be a wool pull-over shirt in gray wool. You will see it as item #814.

- How much will it cost me for a size 44 “Issue Pattern Shirt (Gray Wool)”?
\$ _____

Keep scrolling down on the right side until you get to the section called “Army Pattern Underwear.”

Drawers: It goes without saying that our soldier must be wearing a pair of issue underwear (known as drawers). They look much like today’s “longjohns” but the fabric has no stretch.

- How much will it cost me for item #591HW - “Heavy Weight Under Drawers”? \$ _____

Go back to the left column scroll up and click on the link labeled “Footwear”.

Boots: Our soldier certainly would not be barefoot, so we have to buy some footwear for him. The Union Army boots were pretty standard. They went over the ankle and were dyed black.

- How much will it cost me for a pair of Size 10 “Sewn Sole Brogans (Bootee) 1861-1865” item #121? \$ _____

Socks: No soldier could march very far without decent socks for the boots. Scroll down on the right column until you find item #109.

- How much will it cost me for a pair of “Gray Wool Socks”?
\$ _____

Now it is time to add the cost of the uniform items together. Add up the prices for the frock coat, trousers, suspenders, forage cap, shirt, drawers, boots, and socks.

TOTAL COST FOR THE REPRODUCTION UNIFORM OF OUR U.S. SOLDIER:

\$ _____

Now that we have the clothing purchased, it is time to go shopping for the equipment and weapons seen our photograph of a Union soldier.

EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS : U.S. SOLDIER:

Scroll down on the left column until you see the link titled “Waist Belts & Sword belts”. Click on this link.

Waist belt: You will need a waist belt to hold up the bayonet and cap box. The waist belt like all Yankee leather was dyed black to make it less visible on the battlefield. This belt does not hold up the pants - as you can see from the photograph, it is worn on the outside of the uniform.

- **How much will it cost me for item #273 - “U.S. Enlisted Waist Belt”?**
\$ _____

Go back to the left side and click on the link for “Belt and Accoutrement Plates

Belt plate: Now that you have a belt, you will need a belt plate for it. The photograph appears to show a slightly larger oval plate than normal. I’m guessing it is the pre-war “Puppy Foot Plate”. The soldier would cut two slits in the leather, and attach the belt plate with two lead studs that protrude from the back of the plate. It is very different from a modern belt buckle.

- **How much will it cost me for item #PF298 “The Puppy Foot Plate (Lead Back)”?** \$ _____

Box Plate: While we are in this section, you might as well purchase the decorative oval “box plate” that is affixed to the cartridge box. You will need it for the cartridge box later. It is listed as item #299 (Scroll up from the “puppy foot” plate to find it.

- **How much will it cost me for the “US Oval Box Plate (CW Use)”?**
\$ _____

Go back to the left column and find the link titled “Federal Cap Pouches”. Click on this link.

Cap pouch: Our soldier in the picture has a cap box (or pouch) hanging from two leather straps between his belt plate and his rifle. It is difficult to see detail, but I’m guessing that it is “Shield Front” style #HS241. This small leather pouch was used to hold the percussion caps needed to fire the rifle. It slips over the waist belt.

- **How much will it cost me for the cap pouch “US Shield Front Cap Pouch (Contractor produced – J.B. Sickles)”?** \$ _____

Scroll up the left side until you see the link called “Baldrics, Scabbards, and Frogs”. Click on this link.

Bayonet scabbard: Opposite the cap box on the waist belt, you can see the empty scabbard for the bayonet in our picture of a Yankee soldier. The scabbard is empty because the bayonet is affixed to the end of the rifle in the photo. A scabbard is where the bayonet is kept when not in use. The scabbard has a loop that slips over the waist belt. Let’s use item #245 for our outfit.

- **How much will it cost me for the “Pattern of 1859 scabbard US Waist Belt Scabbard”? \$ _____**

Go back to the left side and click the link labeled “Federal Cartridge Boxes”. Click on this link.

Cartridge Box: The cartridge box is used to hold the bullets and powder needed to fire from the rifle. Going into a battle, the soldier usually carried forty “rounds” of ammunition in the cartridge box tins, and another twenty to forty rounds in his pockets. The cartridge box in our picture is that dark spot just under the right elbow of the soldier. It hangs on the right hip, and the outer flap is weighted down with an oval U.S. plate. Use item #20457 for our purchase.

- **How much will it cost me for the “1857 Cartridge Box .58 Caliber”? \$ _____**

Keep scrolling down this page until you get to the section marked “Cartridge Box Belts (a.k.a. Cartridge Box Sling)”

Cartridge box sling: Our soldier is clearly wearing a cartridge box sling across his body. The purpose of the sling is to hold up the cartridge box. The picture is sharp enough to tell that the leather has been finished rough side out which fits with item #260. Curiously, this soldier is not wearing the decorative eagle breast plate, which is a regulation part of his equipment

- **How much will it cost me for the “Waxed Leather (Black)” cartridge box sling? \$ _____**

Go back to the left side and scroll up until you find the link labeled “Firearms”. Click on this link.

Springfield Rifle: Most Union soldiers were equipped with a rifled musket known as the Springfield Rifle. It fired a .58 caliber bullet. Scroll down on the right side until you see the title US Model 1861 Springfield Musket (.58 cal).

- **How much would it cost me for item #EA2360 US Model 1861 Springfield Musket Euroarms Manufacture”? (Include the shipping and handling charge. \$ _____**

Look just below this firearm listing and you will see the bayonet needed to go with the rifle.

Bayonet: You are looking for #7032 “Springfield Bayonet (Musket Models 1855 - 1864)”. The bayonet hooks over the rifle barrel and is held in place by the rifle sight. The gun will fire through the bayonet socket. If the soldier can not reload the rifle fast enough, he can use the bayonet to defend himself against an enemy at close range.

- **How much will it cost me for “Springfield Bayonet (Musket Models 1855 – 1864)”? _____**
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