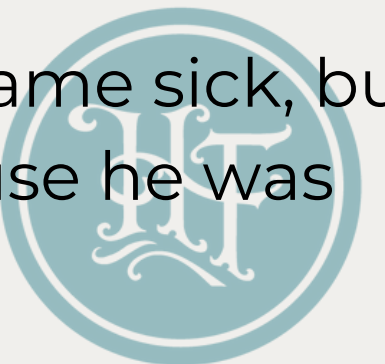





Sgt. George Jordan


*The Only Veteran from Williamson County to
receive the Congressional Medal of Honor*

- Born into slavery in Williamson County, Tennessee
- Joined the Buffalo Soldiers in the 9th Cavalry
- Sent to the West to protect new settlers and keep the peace with the Native Americans during the Apache War
- Saved the lives of the American settlers at Fort Tularosa and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor
- After a 30-year military career, Sgt. Jordan became sick, but was denied entry into a military hospital because he was Black. Jordan died from the illness in 1904.





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George Jordan is born into slavery in Williamson County

A map of Tennessee with its county boundaries shown. Williamson County, located in the central-eastern part of the state, is highlighted in a solid red color. The rest of the map is in a light beige tone.

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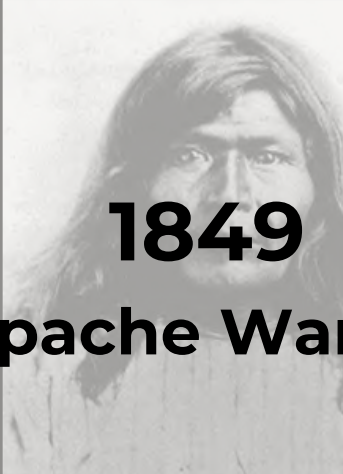

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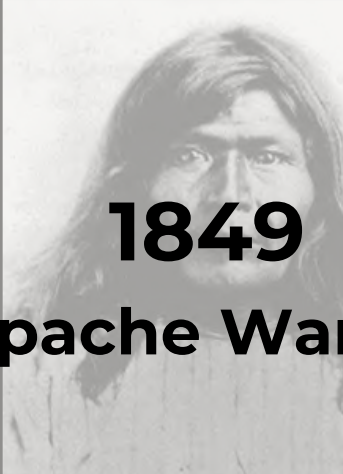
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Discussion Questions:

Discuss the importance of recording and documenting considering the lack of information we have on Sgt. George Jordan.

Why do you think there are no more photos of George Jordan?

Why do you think we do not know much about Jordan outside of his military accolades?

Consider the time period.



Discussion Questions:

Based on the information we have about his life, how would you describe Sgt. George Jordan?



Discussion Questions:

Consider the contrasting points of views of the Apache Wars.

Native Americans are being evacuated from their homeland and relocated to a land that is not as plentiful.

Buffalo Soldiers, men who were previously enslaved, are fighting to rebuild the country that once enslaved them.



Breakout Groups

Break out into three groups based upon your assigned point of view. After time to discuss, come together as a whole group.

POV Group One: Buffalo Soldiers who are comprised of newly free African American men who are helping to rebuild their country post- Civil War

POV Group Two: Apache people who are being driven off of their land to relocate to less fertile ground against their own will

POV Group Three: American settlers who have uprooted their lives to move to an underdeveloped land in order to start new lives and expand their country



Only Image We Have of George Jordan



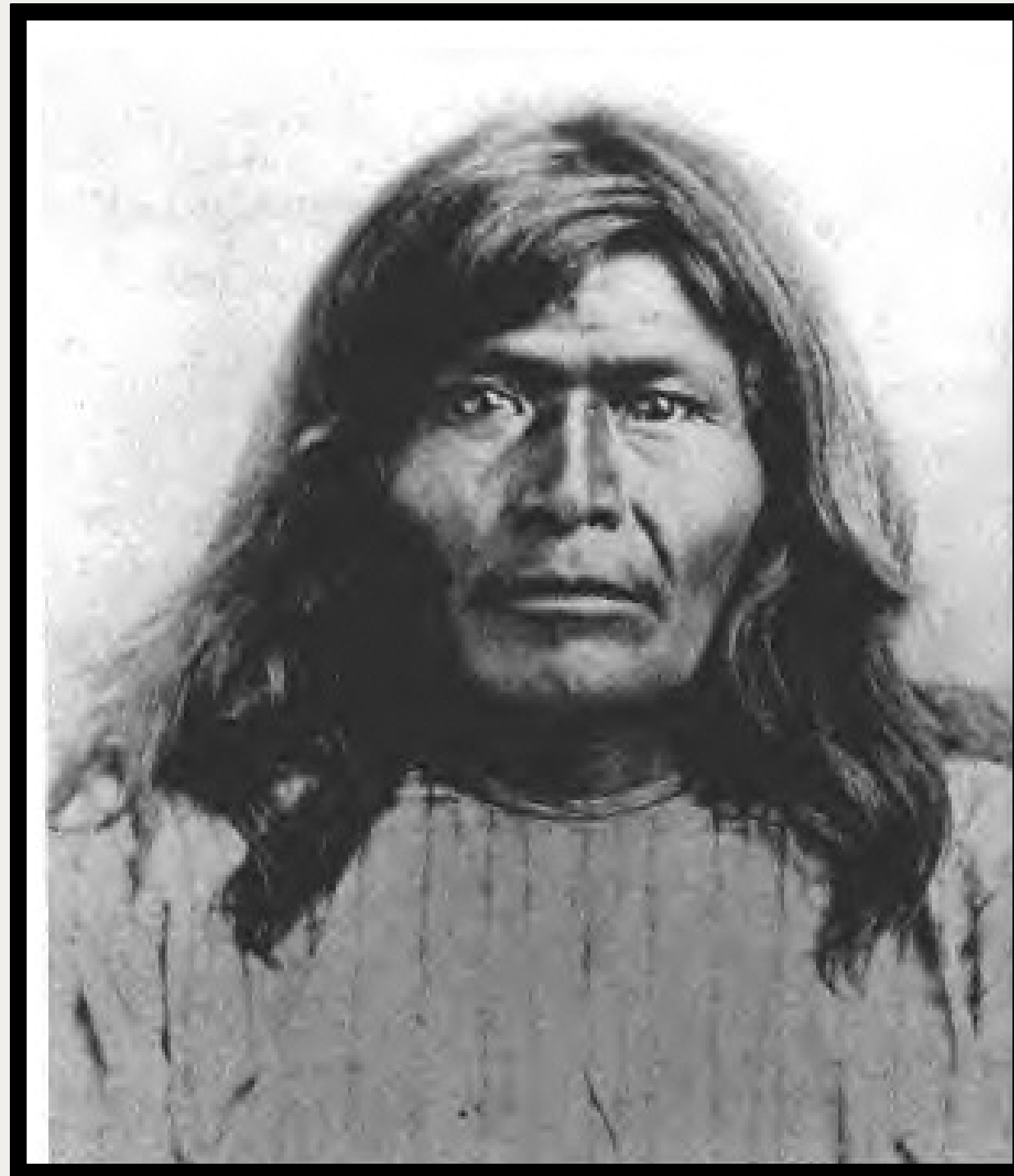
9th Cavalry of Buffalo Soldiers



Jordan's Congressional Medal of Honor



Victorio- The Native American Warrior



Jordan's Tombstone

*Fort McPherson National Cemetery
Nebraska*

