

## Teacher Notes:

### **George Jordan (1848-1904)**

- Born into slavery in 1848 in Williamson County
- Enlisted in the army in 1866 as one of the first Buffalo soldiers
- Led a group of 25 Buffalo Soldiers at Battle of Tularosa in 1880
- Received the Congressional Medal of honor in 1890
- Served 30 years in the Army
- Passed in 1904 after being denied entry into a military hospital due to the color of his skin.

### **Part One: Setting the Stage**

- The Buffalo Soldiers, 6 groups of African American soldiers, were created to rebuild the country post-civil war and support the western front during the Plains War and Apache Wars
- Buffalo Soldier- thought to be coined by the Native Americans for their unique appearance and toughness on the battlefield
- Geronimo and Victorio are two of the most famous Apache leaders

### **Part Two: The Battle of Tularosa**

- May 13th, 1880
  - Sgt. Jordan and his 25 soldiers were making camp for the night after traveling all day – at this moment they were about a day's travel away from Fort Tularosa
  - Fort Tularosa: Near Present day Aragon, New Mexico
  - After hearing about Victorio's plan to attack Fort Tularosa, Sgt. Jordan and his 25 men marched through the night to save the unprepared American settlers
  - Sgt. Jordan and his men fought until Victorio, and his troops retreated

### **Part Three: The Aftermath**

- Sgt. George Jordan is awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving the people at Fort Tularosa
- He fell ill in 1904 and was denied entry into the military hospitals due to the color of his skin. He passed from want of proper attention.



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