Civil War soldiers from the Midwest traveled long distances while they were in the Union Army. The soldiers of Company E, 26th Illinois Infantry Regiment are a great example of this. Before the war, the soldiers in Company E lived in LaSalle County, Illinois. They joined the army in the summer of 1861, and many of the men served until the war ended in 1865. During that time, they traveled many miles through many of the southern states of the Confederacy. We know where they went because the soldiers wrote every battle they fought in on their flag.

20-30 minutes
Trace Their Journey

Instructions
Listed to the right are some of the places that the soldiers of Company E visited while they were in the Union Army. Your task is to place the names of the cities in the list below on their proper location on the map provided. Then, using Google Maps or the Maps app on a phone or tablet, find the distance in miles between each stop on the map and write it in the proper line on the worksheet. When you are done, add up all of the miles to get a total distance that Company E traveled while they were in the army.

Savannah, Georgia
Springfield, Illinois
Corinth, Mississippi
Washington, D.C.
New Madrid, Missouri
Resaca, Georgia
Bentonville, North Carolina
LaSalle, Illinois
Vicksburg, Mississippi
Columbia, South Carolina
Atlanta, Georgia
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Distance Between Location 1 and Location 2: ______________________
Distance Between Location 2 and Location 3: ______________________
Distance Between Location 3 and Location 4: ______________________
Distance Between Location 4 and Location 5: ______________________
Distance Between Location 5 and Location 6: ______________________
Distance Between Location 6 and Location 7: ______________________
Distance Between Location 7 and Location 8: ______________________
Distance Between Location 8 and Location 9: ______________________
Distance Between Location 9 and Location 10: _____________________
Distance Between Location 10 and Location 11: _____________________

Total Distance They Travelled: ________________________