James Armistead Lafayette was an enslaved African American who served the
Continental Army during the Revolutionary War as a spy who gave valuable information
to George Washington's Army.

Can you imagine what kind of information he might have been trying to learn for the
American revolutionaries? Describe your ideas below.

Take it further: research James Armistead Lafayette online
and learn more about his story.
Spying Then and Now

Below are several methods used by spies during the Civil War, as well as today. Draw a circle around the spying methods that would have been used during the Civil War.

- Wire Tap
- Spy Balloon
- Spy Plane
- Invisible Ink
- Eavesdropping
- Ciphers
- Satellite
- Hidden Microphone
- Carrier Pigeon
- Surveillance Camera
- Disguise
- Internet Hacker

List the spying methods that were used during the Civil War which you think are still being used by modern day spies.
Elizabeth Van Lew was a Richmonder who used a number of methods to spy for the Union Army during the Civil War. Use her Cipher Code and ordered pairs (x,y) to decode the secret words below.

**EXAMPLE 1:**  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____
(2,4) (5,5) (1,4) (2,6) (1,1) (1,6)

**EXAMPLE 2:**  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____
(1,1) (4,2) (1,4) (5,5) (3,4) (3,6) (3,5) (4,1) (1,1)

**EXAMPLE 3:**  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____
(1,3) (3,5) (1,5) (1,1) (3,6) (5,6) (5,5) (3,6) (1,1)
CIVIL WAR SPIES CROSSWORD

Word Bank
Abolitionist  Cipher  Civil War  Confederate  Eavesdrop  Elizabeth Van Lew  Espionage  Freedom  Jefferson Davis  Libby Prison  Mary Elizabeth Bowser  Photographic  Secession  Spy  Union

Across
2. The African American woman who was a spy in the White House of the Confederacy
5. This is a message in code
9. A person who wants to abolish slavery
11. The Union fought for the ______ of enslaved people
12. The name of the place where imprisoned Union soldiers were being held in Richmond
13. The president of the Confederacy

Down
1. To secretly listen to a private conversation
3. The woman who led a Union spy ring in Richmond, Virginia
4. The act of spying
5. A supporter of the secession of the southern states from the United States of America
6. It was said that Mary Elizabeth Bowser was a very useful spy because she had a ______ memory
7. The withdrawal of the 11 southern states, which led to the Civil War
8. Elizabeth Van Lew was a spy for this side during the Civil War
10. This war was fought in the United States between the Union and the Confederacy from 1861-1865
14. Mary Elizabeth Bowser was a _______ in the White House of the Confederacy during the Civil War
What kind of image is this? (Check all that apply)
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Summarize this image in one sentence:
If you were a Union prisoner, what could you use from Wicky's nest to break out of Libby Prison, and how?

Take it further: research Elizabeth Van Lew and the Libby Prison escape online to learn more about this Richmond story!
**Cipher Activity**

**EXAMPLE 1:**  
C I P H E R  
(2,4) (5,5) (1,4) (2,6) (1,1) (1,6)  

**EXAMPLE 2:**  
E S P I O N A G E  
(1,1) (4,2) (1,4) (5,5) (3,4) (3,6) (3,5) (4,1) (1,1)  

**EXAMPLE 3:**  
V A L E N T I N E  
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**Image Analysis**

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**Spying Methods Used Then and Now:**  
- Invisible Ink  
- Eavesdropping  
- Ciphers  
- Carrier Pigeon  
- Disguise  

**Crossword Puzzle**

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   M A R Y E L I Z A B E T H B O W S E R  
E A V E S D R P  
P O G  
A B O L I T I O N I S T  
L I B B Y P R I S O N  
A N L  
J E F F E R S O N D A V I S  
H  
S C  
F R E E D O M  
E N  
S  
U N I  
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- **Clue:** Mary Elizabeth Bowers  
- **Clue:** A E V E S D  
- **Clue:** P O G  
- **Clue:** A B O L I T I O N I S T  
- **Clue:** L I B B Y P R I S O N  
- **Clue:** A N L  
- **Clue:** J E F F E R S O N D A V I S  
- **Clue:** H  
- **Clue:** S C  
- **Clue:** F R E E D O M  
- **Clue:** E N  
- **Clue:** U N I
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