Newspaper Project

Hello. Welcome to the assignment!

First on your computers go to this site: <http://valley.lib.virginia.edu/>

Then…enter the Valley of the Shadow

Click on the war years. Then newspapers. You are going to search newspaper databases. You are going to choose two accounts of the battle of Fort Sumter. The battle took place in South Carolina in 1861. It was effectively the first battle of the Civil War. Confederate (Southern) troops attacked a Union (Northern) fort in South Carolina.

There are two *possible* views presented. Look for newspaper articles from Augusta County Virginia and from Franklin County Pennsylvania. The reason you are specifically using those articles is so that you have a Union and a Confederate view of the battle.

So…

Read at least one article from Augusta County and one from Franklin County and do the following: Name the articles you are using.

1. Before you read: predict How do you think the articles will be different?
2. What specific articles did you read?
3. Were you correct? Did the articles have differences of opinion? Explain.
4. Why do you think there are two sides to this story?
5. Is there anything about these articles that surprised you? How or why not?

The objective of this assignment is to predict possible bias and interpret primary source documents.

You are to work on this in class. Type your answers. A day classes due on Monday the 27th. B day classes due on Tuesday the 28th.