LESSON PLAN SUPPORT MATERIALS

Wisconsin Copperhead Anti-War Movement and Marcus Brick Pomeroy

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Poetry Analysis Questions

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1. The speakers of the poems are obvious rivals. According to the speaker of “Song of Copperhead,” what crime has the Copperhead committed? Based upon what the speaker of “The Peace Democracy” says, does the Copperhead seem to be guilty of the charge?

2. What might be the reasons why the speaker of “The Peace Democracy” wants to stop all warfare in the North? How did Peace Democrats believe that the Lincoln administration was undermining the Bill of Rights?

3. Think about what the authors of the poems might have been like. List some characteristics for each, based upon what they say and the language and manner in which they say it.