

## How a Name Carries a Reason

### Civil War Recipes

20 minutes

#### OBJECTIVE

Infer why a figurative nickname was used and explain what the name reveals about the object.

#### STUDENT PRODUCT

A meaning statement with the clue, inferred reason, and what the nickname emphasizes.

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Why would people call a food by a name such as 'tooth dollars' or 'sheet iron crackers'?

#### TEXT FOCUS

Colorful food nicknames whose reasons are explained or strongly cued by context.

#### LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Read the name literally | 3 min List the ordinary images or qualities suggested by the nickname.
2. Find the clue | 5 min Locate the stated reason or contextual description.
3. Infer the connection | 4 min Explain how the literal image connects to the actual food.
4. State what the name emphasizes | 6 min Write what quality the nickname makes memorable.
5. Check | 2 min Use the book's reason, not an invented origin story.

## TEACHER KEY / EXPECTED THINKING

The figurative names highlight noticeable qualities such as hardness, shape, or appearance; context explains why the comparison made sense to people using the food.

#### LOOK FOR

- Uses contextual evidence.
- Explains the figurative connection.
- States what quality the nickname emphasizes.

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