



U.S. Civil War

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the U.S. Civil War from 1861 - 1865.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- Library of Congress Learning Page
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/timeline/civilwar/civilwar.html>

Key Resources at a Glance:

- The United States Civil War Center
<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/>
An index to the Civil War on the Internet
- *World Book Encyclopedia*, see article, "Civil War, American" (031 WOR)
Provides a brief overview of the Civil War. Includes the background of the war, the war in the East, the war in the West, and the results of the war.
- The American Civil War HomePage
<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/>
Site includes biographical information, battles and campaigns, images of war, as well as general Civil War information.

Reference Background

- *Encyclopedia of Civil War Biographies*, by James McPherson, 2000 (R 973.7 ENC)
- *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, editors David S. and Jeanne T. Heidler, 2000 (R 973.7 ENC)

Resources

Books

- *The Last Shot*, by Lynn Schooler, 2005 (973.757 SCH)
- *The Outbreak of the Civil War*, by Jean Alicia Elster, 2003 (973.711 OUT)
- *The Civil War: 1850-1895*, by Auriana Ojeda, 2003 (973 CIV)
- *The American Heritage New History of the Civil War*, by Bruce Catton, 1996 (973.7 CAT)

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Civil War
- Reconstruction
- Confederate
- Union

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- U.S. History--Civil War
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

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- 973.7 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
<http://search.ebscohost.com>
- FirstSearch
<http://firstsearch.oclc.org>

Library catalogs

- Urbandale Public Library
www.urbandalelibrary.org
- SILO - State-wide catalog
<http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us/cgi-bin/zform.CGI?SILO>
- WorldCat - World-wide Catalog
<http://worldcat.org>

Journals

- [*American Heritage*](#) (MG AMERICAN HERITAGE)

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Best of History Web Sites - U.S. History: Civil War
http://www.besthistorysites.net/USHistory_CivilWar.shtml
- Library of Congress Learning Page
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/timeline/civilwar/civilwar.html>

Organizations and Special Collections

- Civil War at the Smithsonian
<http://www.civilwar.si.edu>
- Civil War Soldier's Museum
<http://www.cwmuseum.org/>

Multimedia Resources

- [*The Last Days of the Civil War*](#), History Channel, 2003 [DVD] (DVD 973.7 LAS)

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at:

<http://www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html> **

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