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, *American Memory*, "Time Line of the Civil War", http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/tl1861.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" (JR031 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 University of Tennessee, "The American Civil War Home Page," 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* edited by David S. and Jeanne T. Heidler, 2000 (R 973.7 ENC)

Resources

Books

- *The Library of Congress Illustrated Time Line of the American Civil War* by Margaret E. Wagner, 2011 (973.7 WAG)
- *Brady's Civil War: A Collection of Memorable Civil War Images Photographed by Matthew Brady and His Assistants* by Webb B. Garrison, 2011 (973.7 GAR)
- *Great Civil War Heroes and Their Battles* by Walton H. Rawls, 2011 (973.7 GRE)
- *This Great Struggle: America's Civil War* by Steven E. Woodworth, 2011 (973.7 WOO)

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

- *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)
- *A Perfect Picture of Hell: Eyewitness Accounts by Civil War Prisoners from the Iowa 12th* by Ted Genoways, 2001 (973.7477 PER)
- *The American Heritage New History of the Civil War* by Bruce Catton, 1996 (973.7 CAT)

Journals

- *American Heritage* (MG AMERICAN HERITAGE)

Web Pages and Web Portals

- EdTechTeacher, *Best of History Web Sites*, "Civil War," http://www.besthistorysites.net/USHistory_CivilWar.shtml
- The Civil War Archive, http://www.civilwararchive.com/
- The Civil War Home Page, http://www.civil-war.net/

Organizations and Special Collections

- Civil War at the Smithsonian, http://www.civilwar.si.edu
- National Park Service, "The Civil War," http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/index.htm
- Library of Congress, *American Memory*, http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
- Library of Congress, *Main Reading Room*, http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/uscw_rec_links/civilwarlinks.html
- Civil War Soldier's Museum, http://www.cwmuseum.org/

Multimedia Resources

- *Ken Burns: The Civil War*, PBS Home Video, 2011 [DVD] (DVD 973.7 CIV)
- *Don't Know Much About the Civil War: Everything You Need to Know About America's Greatest Conflict, But Never Learned* by Kenneth C. Davis, 1998 [CD BOOK] (CD BOOK 973.7 DAV)

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