



U.S. Civil War

August 2004

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
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"
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
sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/
Site includes biographical information, battles and campaigns, images of war, as well as general Civil War information.

Reference Background

- *The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War*, by Davis, Perry and Kirkley (1983)
- *The Civil War Dictionary*, by Boatner (1991)
- *The visual Dictionary of the Civil War*, by Stanchak (2000)

Resources

Books

- *The American Heritage New History of the Civil War*, by Catton (1996)
- *The Most Fearful Ordeal*, by McPherson (2004)
- *Eyewitness: Civil War*, by Stanchak (2000)
- *The Long Road to Gettysburg*, by Murphy (1992)

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

Call Number

- 973.7 (Dewey Decimal)
- #440 - E660 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- FirstSearch
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- WorldCat - World-wide Catalog

Journals

- *America's Civil War*
- *American Heritage*
- *Civil War Times* or *Civil War Times Illustrated*

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
lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/timeline/civilwar/civilwar.html

Organizations and Special Collections

- Civil War at the Smithsonian
www.civilwar.si.edu
- Civil War Soldier's Museum
<http://www.cwmuseum.org/>
- Numerous Museums about the Civil War
www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/links/hist3.htm#Museums

Multimedia Resources

- Ken Burns' Civil War Series (PBS, 1989) [video]
- *Causes of the Civil War* (Schlessinger, 1996) [video]
- *Civil War* (Schlessinger, 1996) [video]
- *American Civil War, Part I: Causes of the Civil War* (United Learning, 1996) [video]
- *American Civil War, Part II: The War Years 1861-1862* (United Learning, 1996) [video]
- *American Civil War, Part III: The War Years 1863-1865* (United Learning, 1996) [video]

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

This pathfinder has been provided to you by THE Pathfinder Project and your local library.
Production funded in part by Library Services and Technology Act funds administered by the State Library of Iowa.

THE Pathfinder Project ~ **www.THEpathfinderproject.org**