



# The Civil War 1750 - 1880

## Historical Book List

### *Trial and Triumph: Stories From Church History*

Hannula, Richard M.  
ISBN 1885767544  
No call number  
\$12.80(PB) - Retail  
L: 2 R: 6

*Read the sections pertaining to this time period.*

### **The War:**

#### *For Home and Country*

Bolotin, Norman  
ISBN 0525674950  
J 973.7, 98 pages  
OOP  
L: 3 R: 5-6

#### *A Nation Torn: The Story of How the Civil War Began*

Ray, Delia  
ISBN 0140381058  
J 973.711, 102 pages  
\$9.99(PB) - Retail  
L: 4 R: 6

#### *Behind the Blue and Gray: The Soldier's Life in the Civil War*

Ray, Delia  
ISBN 0140383042  
Y 973.3, 102 pages  
\$9.99(PB) - Retail  
L: 4 R: 6

#### *The Civil War for Kids*

Herbert, Janis  
ISBN 1556523556  
J 973.7 Herbert, 145 pages  
\$14.95(PB) - Retail  
L: 3 R: 5-6

#### *Abraham Lincoln's World*

Foster, Genevieve  
ISBN 1893103056  
J 909, 347 pages  
\$15.95(PB) - Retail  
L: 3 R: 6 +



### *Billy Yank and Johnny Reb*

Beller, Susan Provost  
ISBN 0761318690  
J 973.742, 96 pages  
\$26.90(HC) - Retail  
L: 5 R: 7

#### *Rifles for Watie*

Keith, Harold  
ISBN: 006447030X  
J Fiction, 352 pages  
\$5.99(PB) - Retail  
L: 3 R: 6

#### *Across Five Aprils*

Hunt, Irene  
ISBN 0425102416  
J Fiction, 190 pages  
\$4.99(PB) - Retail  
L: 4 R: 6

#### *Red Cap*

Wisler, G. Clifton  
ISBN 0140369368  
J Fiction, 160 pages  
\$5.99(PB) - Retail  
L: 3 R: 5-6

### **Battles:**

#### *Vicksburg*

Fraser, Mary Ann  
ISBN 0805061061  
J 973.7344, 96 pages  
\$17.95(HC) - Retail  
L: 4 R: 6

#### *The Drummer Boy of Vicksburg*

Wisler, G. Clifton  
ISBN 0140386734  
J Fiction, 144 pages  
\$5.99(PB) - Retail  
L: 4 R: 6

#### *Three Days: With Robert E. Lee at Gettysburg*

Davis, Paxton  
ISBN 0689307640  
J Davis, 102 pages  
OOP  
L: 6 R: 8

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### **The Red Badge of Courage**

Crane, Stephen  
ISBN 0812504798

J Fiction  
\$2.99(PB) - Retail

L: 3 R: 5-6

*Note: Because of the intensity and serious content of this book we recommend prereading to evaluate it's appropriate for your students.*

### **Fields of Fury**

McPherson, James  
ISBN 0689848331

No call number, 96 pages  
\$22.95(HC) - Retail

L: 4 R: 7

### **Biographies:**

#### **A House Divided: The Lives of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee**

Archer, Jules  
ISBN 0590483250  
973.7092 Archer, 184 pages

\$14.95(HC) - Retail

L: 5 R: 7

#### **Confederate Generals of the Civil War**

Green, Carl R.  
ISBN 0755010295  
Y 973.742 Green, 112 pages

\$20.95(HC) - Retail

L: 5 R: 7

#### **The Book of Heroes: Great Men and Women in American History**

Roche, George  
ISBN 0895263815  
920.073, 238 pages

\$24.95(HC) - Retail

L: 4 R: 6

*Read the chapters about Robert E. Lee and Louisa May Alcott for this unit.*

### **Gods and Generals**

Warner Brothers Entertainment, Inc.  
Released 2003, four hours long  
Rated PG-13 for sustained battle sequences

*Note: Part of a trilogy about the Civil War, this movie presents the Southern perspective of the war from some of the generals who fought. It will be released in video on July 15th, 2003.*

### **Spies:**

#### **Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy**

Reit, Seymour  
ISBN:0152164278

JB Edmonds, 144 pages

:\$6.00(PB) - Retail

L: 2 R: 5-6

#### **Dear Ellen Bee: A Civil War Scrapbook of Two Union Spies**

Lyons, Mary  
ISBN 0689823797  
YA Fiction, 161 pages

\$17.05(HC) - Retail

L: 4 R: 7

### **Naval**

#### **The 290**

O'Dell, Scott  
ISBN 044099165X

J Fiction, 118 pages

OOP

L: 2 R: 5-6

### **Postwar**

#### **Shades of Gray**

Reeder, Carolyn  
ISBN 0689826966  
J Fiction, 160 pages

\$4.99(PB) - Retail

L: 3 R: 5-6

### **The Pony Express:**

#### **The Pony Express**

Van der Linde, Laurel  
ISBN 0027590569

Y 383.143, 72 pages

OOP

L: 3 R: 6

## Poetry/Fine Arts

### **Winslow Homer: Watercolors**

Hoopes, Donelson F.  
ISBN 0823023265

759.13

\$16.95(HC) - Retail

### **James McNeill Whistler**

Berman, Avis  
ISBN 0810939681  
J 759.13 Berman, 92 pages  
\$19.95(HC) - Retail

*Note: Because of the lifestyle of this artist, you may want to preread this book and use it to discuss Whistler's art and the public's reaction to it during his time. Make sure and introduce your students to Whistler's famous portrait of his mother.*

### **Gods and Generals: The Paintings of Mort Kunstler**

Robertson, James I  
ISBN 0867130849

973.7349 Robertson, 143 pages

\$27.50(HC) - Retail

### **Songs of the Civil War**

Burns, Ken  
ISBN 1564060969  
VIDEO 782.421599, 60 minutes  
\$19.98(VHS) - Retail

*How many different names for the Civil War can you think of? How do these names demonstrate people's thoughts about the war?*



## Science

### Chemistry:

#### *Science Scope*

Stout, Kathryn  
No ISBN  
No call number  
\$15.00(PB) - Retail  
www.designastudy.com  
Use pp. 103-113.



#### 👉 *Chemistry for Every Kid*

Vancleave, Janice  
ISBN 0471620858  
J 542  
\$12.95(PB) - Retail  
Use any of the experiments for this unit.

#### 👉 *Adventures With Atoms and Molecules*

Mebane, Robert  
ISBN 0766012247  
J 540.78  
\$9.95(PB) - Retail  
*There is a second book in this series if you'd like more hands-on Chemistry. Check the library under the same call number and title, but with a II designation.*

#### *Marie Curie and the Discovery of Radium*

Steinke, Ann  
ISBN 0812039246  
JB  
\$6.95(PB) - Retail

#### 👉 *Janice Vancleave's Molecules*

Vancleave, Janice  
ISBN 047155054X  
J 540.78  
\$10.95(PB) - Retail  
*Antoine Lavoisier: Founder of Modern Chemistry*  
Yount, Lisa  
ISBN 0766018652  
JB  
\$10.95(PB) - Retail

#### 👉 *Simple Chemistry Experiments With Everyday Materials*

Loeschig, Louis  
ISBN 0806906898  
J 540.78  
OOP

#### **Farming/Planting:** *Science Scope*

Stout, Kathryn  
No ISBN  
No call number  
\$15.00(PB) - Retail  
www.designastudy.com  
Use pp. 37-46. Pick up where you left off with plants in Ancients unit.

#### *A Farm Through Time*

Wilkes, Angela  
ISBN 0789479028  
No call number  
\$17.99(HC) - Retail

#### *Thrashin' Time: Harvest Days in the Dakotas*

Weitzman, David  
ISBN 1567921108  
No call number  
\$15.95(PB) - Retail  
*This book is unique and well worth the effort of ordering through inter-library loan.*

#### 👉 *Grow Your Own Pizza: Gardening Plans and Recipes for Kids*

Hardesty, Constance  
ISBN 1555913989  
No call number  
\$16.95(PB) - Retail

#### 👉 *Blue Potatoes, Orange Tomatoes*

Heller, Ruth  
ISBN  
J 635  
\$7.95 (PB) - Retail  
*Don't let the picture book appearance of this publication fool you. It has plenty to offer 6-8 grade students.*

#### 👉 *Gardens From Garbage*

Handelsman, Judith  
ISBN 1562948431  
J 635.048  
\$6.95(PB) - Retail



## Science Activities



#### *Design a Farm*

Design a farm on paper. Try to draw the land and building to scale. Include fields for growing specific crops, places to house and feed animals, equipment storage space and a home for your farmer.

#### *Chemistry Experiments*

Use one or more the books listed under Science to do chemistry experiments. Be sure to document your work in a notebook and include what you learn from each experiment. For visual experiments, consider taking a picture to put with your notebook entries.

#### *Feed Your Family*

Create a garden that includes food that can be used to feed your family. Research what grows best in your region, pesticides (both natural and synthetic) and ways to improve your crop.

# Project Ideas

## Arts and Crafts



### 1. *The Civil War for Kids*

- Create a “housewife.” (p. 60)
  - Create simple costumes (p. 14) and dramatize one of the Civil War battles in your home state.
  - Signal with Wigwag! (p. 52)
2. Research, plan and cook an authentic Civil War period meal from the North or South, wearing appropriate clothing for the time period. Check out period music from the library to listen to.
3. Listen and learn the words to some Civil War songs (Find the tunes at: <http://www.pabucktail.com/songs.htm>).
4. Draw a portrait of a key personality from this unit.
5. Research and illustrate fashions from the Civil War. How did women from the North and from the South dress differently?
6. Study the work of James McNeill Whistler, an artist from this period. Create a drawing of a landscape or person, using his technique of “suggesting, rather than telling.” create a drawing of a landscape or person.



## Map Ideas

- Using an historical atlas or information available on the internet, create a map showing which states were “Union” and which were “Confederate.”
- Locate or show the following battles on a map: First and Second Battles of Bull Run, Battle of Shiloh, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Siege of Petersburg, Atlanta, Sherman’s March to the Sea, Franklin and Nashville.
- Choose an important battle, and using historical references, create a map showing the detail of the where and how the battle was fought.
- Read about the battle of Gettysburg and make a salt map of the surrounding area. If you were General Lee, what would you have done differently in your battle plan against Union General Meade?



## Ideas for Mini-books and Lapbooks

Use the **Big Book of Books**, in *Resources*, for information about making mini-books, and the *Tools* section of the *Epi Kardia* manual for information about creating Lapbooks.

- ◆ Create a lapbook about the life of slaves. Include a map of the slave distribution in the U.S. at the beginning of the Civil War, downloaded images of a typical home of a slave family, a paper on “A Day in the Life of a Slave,” and large matchbooks with the image of famous slaves on the front and biographical information on the inside. Make sure you include information on the black companies from the War.
- ◆ Choose one key general from the North or the South and make a lapbook or display board about him. Include biographical information, key battles, maps, and a summary of his role in the war.

## Writing and Ideas for further research



- Compare and contrast the lives and characters of Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.
- Compare and contrast the North and the South at the start of the war. Consider: cultures, level of education, economy, resources, geography and beliefs.
- Choose one key Civil War figure and research his or her life.
- Write a short play about a battle or incident involving the Civil War and perform a play for your family or coop group.
- Memorize the Gettysburg Address and recite it for an audience.
- Write a letter home to your family as if you were a Confederate or Union soldier. Describe in detail what your life is like.
- Carefully research one a battle from the Civil War and write about it as if you were a journalist reporting your experiences on the battle field.

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