

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Joseph Eggleston Johnston

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
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Books and Articles

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Govan, Gilbert E. and James W. Livingood	<i>A Different Valor: The Story of Joseph E. Johnston, C.S.A.</i> Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1956.
Hughes, Robert M.	<i>General Johnston</i> . New York: D. Appleton, 1893.

Johnston, Joseph E.	<i>Narrative of Military Operations, Directed, During the Late War Between the States, by Joseph E. Johnston, General C.S.A.</i> New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1874. Reprinted with introduction by Frank E. Vandiver. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1959.
Woodworth, Steven E.	<i>Jefferson Davis and His Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West.</i> Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1990.

Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Smithfield Light Infantry Camp	This organization is dedicated to erecting a statue to General Johnston. Their website is: http://www.generaljosephejohnston.com/index.html

Web Resources

URL	Name and description
http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/biographies/joseph-johnston.html?referrer=https://www.google.ca/	This is the Civil War Trust page on Joseph Eggleston Johnston.

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Confederate General Joseph Eggleston Johnston (1807-1891) was the highest ranking United States officer to resign and serve the Confederacy. Member of the class of 1829 at West Point, he served in various capacities and saw action in the Second Seminole War and the Mexican American War. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was appointed brigadier general in the Confederate States Army (he was a major general of Virginia volunteers) and then rapidly promoted to General. He commanded the Army of the Shenandoah at Harpers Ferry and led it at the Battle of First Bull Run. He began the defense of Richmond against McClellan in the Peninsula Campaign, but after his wounding at Seven Pines, Robert E. Lee succeeded to command. From 1862 to 1863 he was commander of the Department of the West. From 1863 to 1864 and then again in early 1865 he commanded the Army of Tennessee. In the former command he presided over the steady retreat from northern Georgia to Atlanta, and in the latter over the surrender of the Army of Tennessee to Sherman in April 1865. He quarreled with Jefferson Davis throughout his service, and the publication of his memoirs in 1874 re-ignited controversies and animosities among senior Confederates. After the war he went into the rail road then the insurance business. He served one term in the US House of Representatives and also served as US Commissioner of Railroads.
