

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

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Burton is a prolific author and scholar (16 authored or edited books and more than two hundred articles). *The Age of Lincoln* (2007) won the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction and was selected for Book of the Month Club, History Book Club, and Military Book Club. One reviewer proclaimed, "If the Civil War era was America's 'Iliad,' then historian Orville Vernon Burton is our latest Homer." The book was featured at sessions of the annual meetings of African American History and Life Association, the Southern Intellectual History Circle, the Social Science History Association, and as a forum published in *The Journal of the Historical Society*. His *In My Father's House Are Many Mansions: Family and Community in Edgefield, South Carolina* (1985) was featured at sessions of the Southern Historical Association and the Social Science History Association annual meetings. *The Age of Lincoln* and *In My Fathers' House* were nominated for Pulitzers.

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