

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The Confederate Flag

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Resources

If you can read only one book

John M. Coski	<i>The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem</i> . Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2005.
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Books

Robert E. Bonner	<i>Colors and Blood: Flag Passions of the Confederate South</i> . Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002.
Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.	<i>The Flags of the Confederacy: An Illustrated History</i> . Memphis: St. Luke Press, 1988.
Glenn Dedmond	<i>The Flags of Civil War South Carolina</i> . Gretna Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2000.
Glenn Dedmond	<i>The Flags of Civil War Arkansas</i> . Gretna Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2001.
Glenn Dedmond	<i>The Flags of Civil War Alabama</i> . Gretna Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2001.

Glenn Dedmond	<i>The Flags of Civil War North Carolina</i> . Gretna Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2003.
Glenn Dedmond	<i>The Flags of Civil War Missouri</i> . Gretna Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, 2009.
Peleg D. Harrison	<i>The Stars and Stripes and Other American Flags</i> . Boston: Little Brown & Co., 1906.
Don Hinkle	<i>Embattled Banner: A Reasonable Defense of the Confederate Battle Flag</i> . Paducah, Kentucky: Turner Publishing, 1997.
Howard M. Madaus and Richard Needham	<i>The Battle Flags of the Confederate Army of Tennessee</i> . Milwaukee: Milwaukee Public Museum, 1976.
J. Michael Martinez, William D. Richardson & Ronald McNinch-Su, Eds.	<i>Confederate Symbols in the Contemporary South</i> . Tallahassee: University Press of Florida, 2000.
Michael K. Prince	<i>Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys: South Carolina and the Flag</i> . Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2004.
Richard Rollins	<i>"The Damned Red Flags of the Rebellion": The Capture of Confederate Battleflags at Gettysburg</i> . Redondo Beach, California: Rank & File Publications, 1997.
George Schedler	<i>Racist Symbols and Reparations: Philosophical Reflections on Vestiges of the American Civil War</i> . Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998.

Organizations

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Web Resources

www.moc.org	The Museum of the Confederacy's illustrated database of the world's largest collection of Confederate flags.
www.confederate-flags.org	Flags of the Confederacy is a website dedicated to displaying and discussing the many different flags used by the Confederacy.

Other Sources

Office of the Secretary of State	<i>Hallowed Banners: Historic Flags in the Georgia Capitol Collection</i> . Atlanta: Georgia Capitol Museum, 2005.
Robert Maberry, Jr.	<i>Texas Flags</i> . College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2001
Rebecca Ansell Rose	<i>Colours of the Gray: An Illustrated Index of Wartime Flags From The Museum of the Confederacy's Collection</i> . Richmond: The Museum of the Confederacy, 1998.
	<i>Confederate Veteran</i> [magazine of the Sons of Confederate Veterans], especially "Attack on the Colors" column
Euan Hague, Heidi Beirich, and Edward H. Sebesta, Eds.	<i>Neo-Confederacy: A Critical Introduction</i> . Austin: University of Texas Press, 2009, chapter 6

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