

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The Petersburg Campaign, June 15, 1864-April 3, 1865

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
Hess, Earl J.	<i>In the Trenches at Petersburg: Field Fortifications & Confederate Defeat</i> . Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009.

Books and Articles

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
Greene, A. Wilson	<i>Civil War Petersburg: Confederate City in the Crucible of War</i> . Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006.
_____.	<i>The Final Battles of the Petersburg Campaign: Breaking the Backbone of the Rebellion</i> . Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2008.
_____.	<i>A Campaign of Giants: The Petersburg Campaign June 12-July 31, 1864</i> . Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming, volume 1 of 3.
Hess, Earl J.	<i>Into the Crater: The Mine Attack at Petersburg</i> . Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2010.

Horn, John	<i>The Destruction of the Weldon Railroad: Deep Bottom, Globe Tavern and Reams Station August 14-25, 1864.</i> Lynchburg, VA: H.E. Howard, 1991.
Howe, Thomas J.	<i>Wasted Valor June 15-18, 1864.</i> Lynchburg, VA: H.E. Howard, 1988.
Newsome, Hampton	<i>Richmond Must Fall: The Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, October 1864.</i> Kent, Oh: Kent State University Press, 2013.
Sommers, Richard J.	<i>Richmond Redeemed: The Siege at Petersburg.</i> (1981), Second Edition, El Dorado Hills, Cal: Savas Beattie, 2014.
Trudeau, Noah Andre	<i>The Last Citadel: Petersburg, June 1864-April 1865.</i> (1991), Second Edition, El Dorado Hills, Cal: Savas Beattie, 2014.

Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Petersburg National Battlefield	<p>The 2,700 acre Petersburg National Battlefield managed by the National Park Service has 13 separate sites with 3 visitor centers along a 33 mile route. A full day is needed to experience the entire battlefield park.</p> <p>The park is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Visitor centers are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the grounds are opened at 8:00 a.m. and closed at dusk.</p> <p>The park's address is: 1539 Hickory Hill Road Petersburg, VA 23803-4721 804 732 3531</p> <p>The park's website is : http://www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm</p>

<p>Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier</p>	<p>Located on the site of the April 2, 1865 Breakthrough, the battle that ended the Petersburg Campaign and led to the evacuation of the Confederate capital at Richmond, the Park's 424 acres include four award-winning museums, four antebellum homes, living history venues, and shopping facilities. The Park is located in Dinwiddie county, near Petersburg, Virginia.</p> <p>The award-winning National Museum of the Civil War Soldier forms the Park's centerpiece. Here, the story of the 3 million common soldiers who fought in America's bloodiest conflict is told using the latest museum technology. An impressive artifact collection is set amidst lifelike settings. The Park is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>The park address is: 6125 Boydton Plank Road North Dinwiddie, VA 23803 1 877 726 7546 and 804 861 2408</p> <p>The park's website is: http://www.pamplinpark.org/</p>
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Web Resources

URL	Name and description
<p>http://www.civilwar.org/search/</p>	<p>The Civil War Trust has a large number of articles dedicated to the Petersburg Campaign. Start with the Civil War Trust Site Search page and input Petersburg to see all of the Trust's material on the Petersburg Campaign.</p>
<p>http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Petersburg_Campaign</p>	<p>This is the Encyclopedia Virginia's entry on the Petersburg Campaign.</p>
<p>www.beyondthecrater.com</p>	<p>The Siege of Petersburg Online is a website dedicated to the digitization of information about the Siege of Petersburg, the Bermuda Hundred Campaign and the Appomattox Campaign.</p>

Other Sources

Scholars

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Google Keywords

Petersburg Campaign | Dimmock Line | Bermuda Hundred Campaign | Petersburg (Weldon) Railroad | South Side Railroad | Richmond and Danville Railroad | Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad | Richmond and Petersburg Railroad | Jerusalem Plank Road | Battle of the Crater | Pegram's Salient | Elliott's Salient | Boydton Plank Road | Fort Stedman | Dinwiddie Court House | Battle of Five Forks | Fort Gregg | The Confederate Alamo
