

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The American Civil War Centennial, 1961-1965

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
Cook, Robert J.	<i>Troubled Commemoration: The American Civil War Centennial, 1961–1965</i> . Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2007.

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———.	<i>American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era</i> . Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2011.
Catton, Bruce	<i>The Centennial History of the Civil War</i> . Garden City, NY: Doubleday 1965.
Fahs, Alice & Joan Waugh, eds.	<i>The Memory of the Civil War in American Culture (Civil War America)</i> . Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004, 237–57.
Fried, Richard M.	<i>The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming! Pageantry and Patriotism in Cold-War America</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.
Kammen, Michael	<i>Mystic Chords of Memory: The Transformation of Tradition in American</i>

	<i>Culture</i> . New York: Knopf, 1991, 590–610.
Warren, Robert Penn	<i>The Legacy of the Civil War: Meditations on the Centennial</i> . New York: Random House, 1961.
Wilson, Edmund	<i>Patriotic Gore: Studies in the Literature of the American Civil War</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 1962.

Organizations

Web Resources

URL	Name and description
http://cwmemory.com/	Lively Civil War memory blog edited by Kevin Levin
http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/category/disunion/	New York Times sesquicentennial blogs—responses are a useful guide to contemporary popular attitudes to the Civil War.

Other Sources

Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Records of the Civil War Centennial Commission, National Archives, College Park, Maryland.	Correspondence and other materials relating to the National Parks Service Civil War Centennial Commission in the National Archives in Washington. The guide to the records is located at: http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/079.html#79.13.5 Records have to be accessed in person and are not available on line.
Bell I. Wiley Papers 1928-1981, Emory University.	Wiley was a member of the National Centennial Commission. His papers contain a good deal of information relating to his activities during the centennial. The index to the papers is located at: http://findingaids.library.emory.edu/documents/wiley521/ Records have to be accessed in person and are not available on line.
Records of the Virginia Civil War Centennial Commission, Library of Virginia.	Most states set up their own centennial commissions. Virginia's was the best resourced. These records shed light a wide range of centennial commemorations in

	<p>the Commonwealth. The guide to the papers is located at: http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaxtf/view?docId=lva/vi02004.xml Records have to be accessed in person and are not available on line.</p>
Allan Nevins Papers, Columbia University.	<p>Nevins's extensive papers contain a significant amount of material relating to his term as head of the National Centennial Commission. His personal papers are housed at Columbia's Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The finding aid for the papers is located at: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/eresources/archives/rbml/Nevins/ Records have to be accessed in person and are not available on line.</p>
William M. Tuck Papers, College of William and Mary.	<p>Tuck was a prominent member of the National Centennial Commission and a staunch opponent of civil rights. His papers are particularly useful for an understanding of the 1961 Charleston controversy. The guide to the papers is located at: http://scdb.swem.wm.edu/?p=collections/controlcard&id=7032 Records have to be accessed in person and are not available on line.</p>

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