

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The Battle of the Crater

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
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Cavanaugh, Michael A. and William Marvel	<i>The Petersburg Campaign: The Battle of the Crater, "The Horrid Pit", June 25-August 6, 1864</i> . Lynchburg, VA: H.E. Howard, 1989.
Hess, Earl J.	<i>Into the Crater: The Mine Attack at Petersburg</i> . Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2010.
Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War.	<i>Report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War on the Attack on Petersburg, on the 30th Day of July, 1864</i> . H.R. Rep. 2d Sess. No. 38-114 (1865).
Levin, Kevin	<i>Remembering The Battle of the Crater: War as Murder</i> . Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2012.
Suderow, Bryce	"The Battle of the Crater: The Civil War's Worst Massacre," chap. 9 in Gregory J. W. Urwin, ed., <i>Black Flag Over Dixie: Racial</i>

	<i>Atrocities and Reprisals in the Civil War</i> . Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2005.
Wilson, Keith, ed.	<i>Honor in Command: Lt. Freeman S. Bowley's Civil War Service in the 30th United States Colored Infantry</i> . Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 2006.

Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Petersburg National Battlefield Park	The National Park Service operates the Petersburg National Battlefield Park located near Petersburg Virginia. The park is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk and the visitor centers are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The park is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Park has 4 visitor centers on different parts of the battlefield. Visitor Center telephone numbers are: Grant's Headquarters at City Point 804 458 9504, Eastern Front 804 732 3531 x200, Five Forks Battlefield 894 469 4093 and Poplar Grove National Cemetery 804 732 3531. Their website is: http://www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm

Web Resources

URL	Name and description
http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/the-crater.html	The Civil War Trust page on The Crater includes basic information, maps, and access to other web sources.
http://www.petersburgsiege.org/	The Siege of Petersburg is a website offering information on the siege.

Other Sources

Scholars

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