

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Paducah-Gateway to the Confederacy

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Resources

If you can read only one book

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Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Jackson Purchase Historical Society	The region's historical society that has many sources on their website: http://jacksonpurchasehistory.org/jackson-purchase-during-the-civil-war/

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Topic Précis

At the beginning of the war, Kentucky maintained a stance of neutrality and Union and Confederate forces kept out of the state, taking tactically advantageous positions in neighboring states in order not to violate Kentucky neutrality and risk pushing the state into the arms of their opponents. In September 1861 Confederate forces under General Leonidas Polk captured Columbus Kentucky. The bluffs at Columbus dominated the Mississippi below the confluence with the Ohio River. In response, General Grant occupied Paducah Kentucky. His quick action countered the Confederate move and gave him control of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers as well as the Cumberland River. After its occupation, Paducah became a staging area for Union troops, a supply depot and a hospital center for the care of the sick and wounded. From this secure base Grant advanced deep into the Confederacy along the Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers. Without Grant's early capture of Paducah, the war in the west might have turned out very differently. Paducah's capture was one of Grant's early and important successes as Paducah became the gateway to the Confederacy.
