

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The Republican Party to 1865

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Resources

If you can read only one book

| Author | <i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year. |
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| Gienapp, William | <i>The Origins of the Republican Party, 1852-1856</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 1987. |
| Gould, Lewis L. | <i>Grand Old Party: A History of the Republicans</i> . New York: Random House, 2003. |

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| Lause, Mark | <i>Young America: Land, Labor, and the Republican Community</i> . Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2005. |
| Levine, Bruce S. | <i>The Spirit of 1848 German Immigrants Labor Conflict and the Coming of the Civil War</i> . Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1992. |
| Neely, Mark E. | <i>The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties</i> New York: Oxford University Press, 1991. |
| Richardson, Heather Cox | <i>The Greatest Nation of the Earth: Republican Economic Policies during the Civil War</i> . Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1997. |

Organizations

| Organization Name | Description, Contact information including address, email |
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| The Republican Party | The Republican Party website is http://www.gop.com/ and it includes a brief history of the party as well as current information. |
| Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History | Founded in 1994 by Richard Gilder and Lewis E. Lehrman, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nonprofit organization devoted to the improvement of history education. The Institute has developed an array of programs for schools, teachers, and students that now operate in all fifty states, including a website that features more than 60,000 unique historical documents of early American history in the Gilder Lehrman Collection. Their website is http://www.gilderlehrman.org/ |
| Filson Historical Society | The Filson Historical Society is Kentucky's oldest privately supported Historical Society, founded in 1884. Their collections include Civil War history materials as well as materials relating to the Kentucky and the Ohio Valley. Their website is |

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| <p>Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College</p> | <p>http://filsonhistorical.org/ The Civil War Institute engages with Gettysburg College students, general audiences, graduate students, and scholars in a dialogue about Civil War history through an interdisciplinary approach dedicated to public interpretation, historic preservation, public policy, teaching, and academic research. Their website is http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/</p> |
| <p>Abraham Lincoln Association</p> | <p>The mission of the Association is to observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; to preserve and make more readily accessible the landmarks associated with his life; and to actively encourage, promote and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of his life and career. Their website is http://www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org/</p> |

Web Resources

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| <p>https://networks.h-net.org/h-civwar</p> | <p>An international consortium of scholars and teachers, H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online creates and coordinates internet networks with the common objective of advancing teaching and research in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. One of their discussion networks is h-civwar which covers Civil War history.</p> |
| <p>http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/index.php</p> | <p>The American Presidency Project was established in 1999 to collect primary source documents relating to the study of the presidency and make them available to the public.</p> |
| <p>https://networks.h-net.org/h-shear/</p> | <p>This discussion network of H-Net focuses on the history of the early American republic, pre-Civil War.</p> |
| <p>https://networks.h-net.org/h-pol</p> | <p>This discussion network of H-Net focuses on American political history.</p> |
| <p>http://dsl.richmond.edu/voting/aboutproject.html</p> | <p>Voting America United States Politics 1840-2008 examines long-term patterns in</p> |

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| | presidential election politics in the United States from the 1840s to today as well as some patterns in recent congressional election politics. The project offers a wide spectrum of animated and interactive visualizations of how Americans voted in elections over the past 168 years as well as expert analysis and commentary videos that discuss some of the most interesting and significant trends in American political history. |
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Other Sources

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