



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

Civil War

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COURSE OVERVIEW

You are about to embark on the fascinating history of the Civil War. It is a story of human choices that linked the past to the present and influenced the future. It is a drama of how one nation changed through times of conflict and cooperation. It is a tale of two children (the North and South) living under the same roof (The United States) and how they disagreed over the issues of states' rights and slavery.

As you study the Civil War, you will detect patterns in the way people thought and acted. You will see familiar patterns in how battles were won and lost. You will also note how events happening today affect the future. The principle of cause and effect applies in everything you do.

Even today, there are some people who believe the South won the Civil War or that the North had no right to abolish slavery. Others cannot believe that people from the South found nothing wrong with enslaving fellow human beings. For all these people, their view of history differs from one another based on their perspective.

Regardless of where you stand, enjoy learning about this period in American history. It is filled with heroism and cowardness, conflict and cooperation, heartache and joy, triumph and tragedy. Hopefully, you will be able to apply the enduring understandings mentioned above to advance your understanding America.

UNIT 1: THE PRE-WAR YEARS		
CIVIL WAR	Assignment Titles	
	1. Course Overview	11. Abolition and John Brown
	2. Development of Two Cultures - Part 1	12. Causes of Secession
	3. Development of Two Cultures - Part 2	13. Storm over Sumter
	4. Life of a Slave	14. Project: Comparing Wars
	5. Project: The Art of Compromise	15. Quiz 3: Point of No Return
	6. Quiz 1: Two Cultures in Conflict	16. Special Project*
	7. Political Compromises	17. Review
	8. Kansas-Nebraska Act	18. Test
	9. The Kansas Issue	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2: Compromise	20. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 2: THE EARLY YEARS		
CIVIL WAR	Assignment Titles	
	1. Why Fight?	11. Fredericksburg
	2. The Anaconda Plan	12. Emancipation Proclamation
	3. First Battle of Bull Run	13. Chancellorsville
	4. Project: Anti-War Editorial	14. Quiz 3: Freedom in Turmoil
	5. Quiz 1: The War Begins	15. Project: Emancipation Proclamation Discussion
	6. Battle of Shiloh	16. Special Project*
	7. The Summer of '62	17. Review
	8. The War in the West	18. Test
	9. Quiz 2: The South Takes Control	19. Alternate Test*
	10. The Lost Orders	20. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 3: TURNING POINT		
CIVIL WAR	Assignment Titles	
	1. Leadership of Two Presidents	12. Quiz 2: A Nation Suffers
	2. Gettysburg	13. Grierson's Raid
	3. Pickett's Charge	14. Siege of Vicksburg
	4. The Gettysburg Address	15. Lee and Grant
	5. Project: Two Presidents	16. Quiz 3: Control of the West
	6. Quiz 1: The Turning Point	17. Special Project*
	7. Turmoil on the Home Front	18. Review
	8. Women Make a Difference	19. Test
	9. Effects of War	20. Alternate Test*
	10. African Americans in the Military	21. Glossary and Credits
	11. Project: Effects of War	

UNIT 4: WAR IN THE SOUTH		
CIVIL WAR	Assignment Titles	
	1. Turning of the Tide	11. Project: Human Rights
	2. Grant and Sherman	12. Lincoln's Last Months
	3. The Wilderness Campaign	13. Project: Leaving a Legacy
	4. Quiz 1: The Tide Turns	14. Quiz 3: The End is Near
	5. Petersburg and Atlanta	15. Special Project*
	6. Atlanta and Shenandoah Valley	16. Review
	7. Major Union Advances	17. Test
	8. Quiz 2: Union Avalanche	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Being a Soldier	19. Glossary and Credits
	10. Prison Camps	

UNIT 5: RECONSTRUCTION OF A NATION		
CIVIL WAR	Assignment Titles	
	1. Petersburg	10. Three New Amendments
	2. Richmond Falls	11. Life After Reconstruction
	3. Lee Surrenders	12. Project: Effects of Amendments
	4. Quiz 1: The War Ends	13. Quiz 3: American Paradigm Shift
	5. Triumph and Tragedy	14. Special Project*
	6. Reconstruction of a Nation	15. Review
	7. Reconstruction Begins	16. Test
	8. Project: History of Impeachment	17. Alternate Test*
	9. Quiz 2: Triumph and Tragedy	18. Glossary and Credits

UNIT 6: COURSE REVIEW AND EXAM		
CIVIL WAR	Assignment Titles	
	1. Review (1)	3. Exam
	2. Review (2)	4. Alternate Exam*

(*) Indicates alternate assignment