

Civil War Course Outline

I. The Coming of the War

- A. The American Founding
 - 1. Was the Constitution and Founders pro-slavery?
- B. Slavery & Sectionalism
- C. Crisis & Compromise
 - 1. Missouri Compromise
 - 2. Nullification Crisis
 - 3. Compromise of 1850
 - 4. Uncle Tom's Cabin
 - 5. Bleeding Kansas
 - 6. Dred Scott
 - 7. Lincoln-Douglas Debates
 - 8. John Brown's Raid
 - 9. Election of 1860

II. The Limited War

- A. Secession
- B. Crisis at Fort Sumter
- C. Crisis in the Border States
- D. Crisis in the Constitution
- E. Prepping for Combat
 - 1. Political Leadership
 - 2. Creating a Military
 - 3. The Common Soldier
 - 4. A Diverse Military
 - 5. Technology
 - 6. Medical
- F. Battle of 1st Bull Run (Manassas)
- G. Peninsula Campaign
- H. 7 Days Battles
- I. Battle of 2nd Bull Run (Manassas)
- J. The War at Sea

III. Slavery, Emancipation, & a Growing War

- A. Battles of Fort Donnellson & Fort Henry
- B. Battle of Shiloh
- C. Battle of Antietam
- D. Images of War – Photography
- E. Emancipation
- F. Battle of Fredericksburg
- G. Battle of Chancellorsville
- H. The War at Home

IV. The Highwater Mark

- A. Battle of Vicksburg
- B. Battle of Gettysburg
 - 1. On the Road
 - 2. July 1
 - 3. July 2
 - 4. July 3
 - 5. When the Smoke Cleared
- C. Gettysburg Address

V. The Unconditional War

- A. POWs
- B. Tennessee-Georgia
 - 1. Battle of Chattanooga
 - 2. Battle of Chickamauga
 - 3. The Atlanta Campaign
 - 4. Battles of Franklin-Nashville
- C. Election of 1864
- D. Sherman's March to the Sea
- E. The Overland Campaign
 - 1. Battle of The Wilderness
 - 2. Battle of Spotsylvania
 - 3. Shenandoah & Monocacy
 - 4. Battle of Cold Harbor
 - 5. Battle of Petersburg
- F. Appomattox Courthouse

VI. Reconstruction

- A. Competing Plans
 - 1. Lincoln's Assassination
- B. Congress vs. The President
- C. Radical Reconstruction
- D. Legislative Reform
- E. The Failures of Reconstruction
 - 1. Black Codes
 - 2. The KKK
 - 3. Jim Crow
 - 4. Did Reconstruction go too far, or not far enough?

VII. Today's Civil War

- A. The Lost Cause?
- B. The War over Confederate Imagery