

## American Civil War, 1863-1865 Syllabus

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### Course Description

Week	Topic	Notes
Week 1 / Feb 4th	Review of American Civil War, 1848-1862, Causes of the Civil War until the end of 1862	Battles, Campaigns, Personalities, Economics, Politics
Week 2 / Feb 11th	Eastern Theater 1863	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 3 / Feb 18th	Battle of Gettysburg	
Week 4 / Feb 25th	Western Theater and Trans Mississippi, 1863	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 5 / Mar 4th	Western Theater and Trans Mississippi, 1863	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 6 / Mar 11th	Eastern Theater, 1864 January through June	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 7 / Mar 25th	Western Theater and Trans Mississippi, 1864 through June	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 8 / Apr 1st	Eastern Theater, 1864 July through December	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 9 / Apr 8th	Western Theater and Trans Mississippi, 1864 July through December	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles
Week 10 / Apr 15th	Eastern and Western Theaters and Trans Mississippi 1865	Politics, Campaigns and Major Battles

**READING LIST FOR AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

**Wayne Rohrbaugh, Coordinator**

**Battle Cry of Freedom, The Civil War Era**, by James McPherson

**The Longest Night, A Military History of the Civil War**, by David J. Eicher, forward by James M. McPherson

**Team of Rivals, The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln**, by Doris Kearns Goodwin

**The Coming Fury**, by Bruce Catton

**The Civil War for Dummies**, by Keith D. Dickson

**War for the Union 1861 – 1862, The Improvised War**, by Allan Nevins

**War for the Union 1862 – 1863, War Becomes Revolution**, by Allan Nevins

**War for the Union 1863 – 1864, The Organized War**, by Allan Nevins

**War for the Union 1864 – 1865, The Organized War to Victory**, by Allan Nevins

**The Civil War, A Narrative, Fort Sumter to Perryville**, by Shelby Foote

**The Civil War, A Narrative, Fredericksburg to Meridian**, by Shelby Foote

**The Civil War, A Narrative, Red River to Appomattox**, by Shelby Foote