References:

Books & Media

One in a series of NPS books, it gives a broad view of civilian life during the Civil War, to enhance the teacher’s background information.

This book profiles major battles, wartime leaders and political events of the Civil War to aid with teacher notes.

This is a great resource for websites, especially when looking for specific items.

This book is a major resource for specifics on the causes, conditions and events before, during and after the Civil War. I used it as a reference for notes and for general background information.

This book was a quick resource for examining soldiering on both sides of the conflict.

This book is a resource for SOL’s and major ideas to be covered.

Websites

http://americancivilwar.com/timeline  
American Civil War – student timeline  
Although a commercial site, it has a year by year pictorial timeline with links to images, biographies and primary source documents. Eastern and Western theatre maps show troop movements for each year of the War. It offers comprehensive but usable study of the events of the Civil War.

http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/civilwar/  
Brooklyn Public Library  
This site features a diary and interactive map of the experiences of a Union soldier. It also focuses on wartime events and other historical data of Brooklyn, NY.
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/nhihtml/cwnyhshome.html
Civil War Treasures from the New-York Historical Society
Library of Congress, American Memory, New York Historical Society
This site has images and documents of the Civil War

www.pen.k12.va.us_VDOE
Enhanced Scope and Sequence – United States History, gr.11
Virginia Department of Education
This site acts as a reference for SOL objectives and sample lessons for the study of the US History. It provides links to websites useful for the study of the Civil War.

http://harpweek.com
Harpers Weekly
This website has a wealth of images such as political cartoons from Civil War era United States. Several images offer insight into popular criticisms of President Lincoln’s wartime policies.

http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1865RELee-surrender.html
Lee Surrenders. Correspondence between Grant and Lee
This site contains transcript images of letters and other primary sources from various eras in US History.

http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/gadd
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/althtml/malhome.html
http://loc.gov.ammem/doughml/doughome.html
Library of Congress – Gettysburg Address, Grant’s Letter to Edwin M. Stanton, Sec. Of War
Within the Library of Congress website are collections such as American Memory, which features images and certain key documents in history. The site has an extensive base of primary sources such as letters to and from Abraham Lincoln. The Frederick Douglass letters span years of Douglass’ life, demonstrating his role in civil rights beyond the Civil War. There are numerous documents involving wartime negotiations, statistical reporting and internal military and political matters.

National Archives and Records Administration – Exhibit Hall (go to “American Originals”) Emancipation Proclamation, Also for selected photographs
Featured documents and Civil War era photographs are available on this site.

www.nps.gov.fosu/ (Fort Sumter)
www.nps.gov/anti/ (Antietam)
www.nps.gov/apco/ (Appomattox)
www.nps.gov/cbla/ (Clara Barton)
www.nps.gov/foth/secinaug/ (Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Speech)
National Park Service Sites –(good for photos/concise info)
The National Park Service sites offer detailed historical information on battlefields and on major figures of the Civil War. Primary source documents such as Lincoln’s Second
Inaugural Speech and Clara Barton’s compensation by Congress for her work in locating missing veterans. Students can navigate the park sites to find information about visiting battlefields or to get more specific information about certain battles.

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/cwphome.html
Selected Civil War Photographs
Library of Congress, American Memory
This site has over 1,000 photographic images that present a multi-faceted view of the Civil War. In addition to military images, photos depict civilian life, economic impact and the changing role of African-Americans throughout the War. Some photographs are graphic in nature but provide an opportunity for analysis of the War’s impact.

http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu
Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War
Virginia Center for Digital History, University of Virginia
This collection has a massive amount of information for studying the human aspect of war. Letters, diaries and new articles from rural Virginia and Pennsylvania towns provide a concrete view of challenges faced by both civilians and individual soldiers, black and white.