Bibliography for teachers

Basic text for fourth grade for basis of instruction. Any other basal would also be applicable.

Chapter offers a good overview and shares multiple perspectives on the subject.

Useful to consult, as well as the History Matters website, for descriptions of vetted websites on the period.

Websites for teacher reference

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/activists/tubman/rail_1
Wonderful easy-to read narrative of Tubman and Underground Railroad with broadside and drawings.

http://chumby.dlib.vt.edu/melissa/posters/vastudiesposter.html
Use for posters of abolition movement and Nat Turner.

http://www.germantown.k12.il.us/html/CivilWar.html
This site includes information on the abolitionist movement, sectionalism, and major events of the war.

http://historymatters.gmu.edu
Used to locate relevant web sites on causes of the Civil War. Also has numerous primary sources and ideas. Digital Blackboard links helpful.

Used for Virginia secessionist debates of 1860-61 and creation of West Virginia. Links to newspapers, maps, images.

http://library.cornell.edu/mayantislavery
Used for 1832 slavery debate in the Virginia General Assembly and other primary sources for and against slavery.

http://library.thinkquest.org/J0112391/nat_turner.htm
Used for a Nat Turner exploration, this is an interesting site of winning student-created sites.

http://loc.gov/rr/print/list/picamer/pabrown.html
Used for John Brown pictures and song.
http://pbs.org/wgbh/aia/search.html
Used for students matching the three abolitionists.

http://pbs.org/wgbh/amex/brown
Used for more John Brown narratives and maps. Also covers Nat Turner and Harriet Tubman.

This incredible site details the story of Virginia in simple terms. The “Becoming Southerners” area offers great background. The “Becoming Confederates” area begins with an east-to-understand explanation of the Compromise of 1850 through Dread Scott and also has a brief overview of John Brown. The discussion of the 1860 election could be a postscript to this unit.

http://www.vahistory.org/reconfiguring/convention.html
Used for talking points and map of vote on West Virginia secession. Part of a video series.

http://www.valley.vcdh.virginia.edu.html
Valley of the Shadow website used for Thompson and Brammer letters and Harper's Ferry picture.