Civil War Research guide
Research guide is located online at [Http://www.vvschools.org](http://www.vvschools.org). Click on “Media Centers” on the top bar, “Middle School Media Center”, “Research guides for projects and homework”. Click on your subject.

Print Resources
Books:

To locate books use the online catalog. From the district webpage click on “Media Centers”, then “Middle School Media Center”, then “Find a Book”.

Open the catalog and click on the "search" tab. Use the drop down arrow to do a SUBJECT search for your topic.

- Most civil war battles will have a call number of 973 to 973.73.
- Biographies will have a call number starting with 921.
- Collective biographies (a book with articles or chapters about people in it, i.e. generals of the Civil War, women of the Civil War, presidents, black Americans) will have a call number starting with 920.
Encyclopedias: Three sets located behind the librarians' desks (we have two electronic subscriptions- Grolier and World Book, see below for databases)

Reference: There are some great articles in the reference section. Reference books do not check out, but you can get a photocopy of what you need. Some recommended titles are:

For battles:
- *Battle Chronicles of the Civil War*- REF 973.7 BAT
- *The Civil War Almanac*- REF 973.7 BOW
- *Civil War Battle Atlas*- REF 973.73 BAT
- *Great Battles of the Civil War*- REF 973.7 GRE
- *Historical Atlases*- see the atlas stand

For people:
- *Profiles in American History*- REF 973 MOS
- *Dictionary of American Biography*- REF 920.03 AME
- *Reference Library of American Women*- REF 920.72 AME
- *Notable American Women*- REF 920.03 NOT
- *Women During the Civil War: An Encyclopedia*- REF 973.7 HAR
- *UXL Encyclopedia of World Biography*- REF 920 UXL
- *Complete American Presidents Sourcebook*- REF 920.03 MAT

Others:
- *Photographic History of the Civil War*- REF 973.7 MIL
- *Military History of the United States*- REF 973 CHA
- *Album of American History*- REF 973 ALB
- *The Encyclopedia of World Military Weapons*- REF 355.8 KNC
- *A Historical Guide to Arms and Armor*- REF 355.8 BUL
- *A Visual Dictionary of Military Uniforms*- REF 355.1 VIS
- *Reference Library of Black America*- REF 973 REF
- *American Civil War Primary Sources*- REF 973.7 HIL
- *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*- REF 355 OXF
- *American War Songs*- REF 784.7 AME
Electronic Resources

E-book titles for this project:
- African Americans and the Civil War
- Civil War Battles
- Civil War Leaders
- Spies in the Civil War
- Technology and the Civil War (weapons)
- Women and the Civil War

Databases for this project: Available through the School Library Systems Database Webpage at http://www.moboces.org/Page/181.

Grolier Online- Contains various encyclopedias including Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia, and The New Book of Knowledge. User ID: ____________ Password: __________

World Book Student- Contains numerous encyclopedia articles
User ID: ________________ Password: __________

Web Sites:

Civil War- Check American Memory, the History Channel, Bio (for biographies), National Park Service ParkNet (for battlefields), and the Presidents web sites recommended below (for Lincoln)…..

- The American Civil War- Learn about American Civil War battles, life stories of important participants, re-enactments, and more. http://americancivilwar.com/civil.html
- The American Civil War Homepage- The American Civil War Homepage gathers together in one place hypertext links to the most useful identified electronic files about the American Civil War (1861-1865). http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html
- The Civil War Net- This is a very large collection of well-organized links to people, battles, and documents, including letters and diaries of those connected to the Civil War. Also includes reenactment photos and links to many original photos. http://www.civil-war.net/
• **Selected Civil War Photographs—Library of Congress** - The Selected Civil War Photographs Collection contains 1,118 photographs. Most of the images were made under the supervision of Mathew B. Brady and include scenes of military personnel, preparations for battle, and battle after-effects. The collection also includes portraits of both Confederate and Union officers, and a selection of enlisted men. [http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/cwp](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/cwp)

• **Civil War Women** - Opportunities to read diaries, documents, and letters revealing women's lives and experiences during the Civil War. Includes links to great historical photos. [http://guides.library.duke.edu/content.php?pid=41224&sid=303304](http://guides.library.duke.edu/content.php?pid=41224&sid=303304)

**Presidents** - Also, check **Bio** (for biographies); and **Grolier and World Book** on the SLS web page for encyclopedia articles......

• **Abraham Lincoln Online** - This site includes an enormous amount of information about Lincoln, including listings of historic sites and links to speeches and writings. [http://www.netins.net/showcase/creative/lincoln.html](http://www.netins.net/showcase/creative/lincoln.html)

• **The Presidents of the United States of America** - List of internal links to each president of the United States. Includes photographs and links to speeches. [http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/index.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/index.html)

Or use a search engine such as [Http://www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) or [Http://wwwgoogle.com](http://www.google.com) and put in your subject.

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