

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

The Struggle for Missouri

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Resources

If you can read only one book

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Neely, Jeremy	<i>The Border Between Them: Violence and Reconciliation on the Kansas-Missouri Line</i> . Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2007.

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Organizations

Web Resources

URL	Name and description
http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/	The Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative is a collaborative effort that dramatically expands the amount of information available online about Missouri's past. Through the Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative, the Missouri State Archives and the Missouri State Library, in partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri, are assisting institutions across the state in digitizing their records and placing them online for easy access.
http://shs.umsystem.edu/index.shtml	The State Historical Society of Missouri is the premier research center for the study of Missouri state and local history. Founded in 1898 by the Missouri Press Association and a trustee of the State of Missouri since 1899, the Society preserves and provides access to reference materials and historical collections through research centers located in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, St. Louis, and Springfield.

Other Sources

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The struggle for Missouri was one of the most prolonged and violent conflicts of nineteenth-century America, extending beyond the boundaries of the Civil War. In fact, Missouri was the very seedbed of the Civil War. Events in Missouri prior to 1861 triggered the national debate over the westward expansion of slavery, and the Kansas-Missouri Border War of the 1850s heralded the larger conflict. Yet, Missouri is marginalized in Civil War history, and its war continues to be treated as a “sideshow” because it defied notions of acceptable nineteenth-century warfare and continues to challenge our paradigm of a civil war. Claimed by both North and South, Missouri held a liminal status between Union and Confederate, with combatants fighting conventional battles as well as a guerrilla war. Over the course of the war, the guerrilla war predominated and shifted the struggle from the battlefield to the home front, blurring the line between combatant and noncombatant, drawing civilians into the conflict.
