

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

“We Must Have Heavy Battalions”: Civil War Conscription

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Resources

If you can read only one book

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