

# ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

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## The "Lieber Code" and the Law of War in the Civil War

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### Resources

If you can read only one book

Richard Shelly Hartigan	<i>Lieber's Code and the Law of War</i> . Chicago: Precedent Publishing, 1983.
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### Books

Frank Freidel	<i>Francis Lieber, Nineteenth Century Liberal</i> . Baton Rouge LA: Louisiana State University, 1947.
Theodor Meron	<i>War Crimes Law Comes of Age: Essays</i> , Ch.5. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998.
Stephen C. Neff	<i>Justice in Blue and Gray: A Legal History of the Civil War</i> , Ch.3-4. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010.
Joshua E. Kastenberg	<i>Law in War, War as Law: Brigadier General Joseph Holt and the Judge Advocate General's Department in the Civil War and Early Reconstruction 1861-1865</i> , Ch.8-9. Durham NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2011.
Burrus M. Carnahan	<i>Act of Justice: Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the Law of War</i> , Ch.7-8. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2007.
Burrus M. Carnahan	<i>Lincoln on Trial: Southern Civilians and Law of War</i> . Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2010.

## Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
The Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict	The Lieber Society is an Interest Group open to members of the American Society of International Law. For more information consult the Society's web site <a href="http://www.asil.org/">http://www.asil.org/</a> under the tab "About Us" and the sub section "Interest Groups."

## Web Resources

URL	Name and description
<a href="http://www.icrc.org/ihl">http://www.icrc.org/ihl</a>	The web site of the International Committee of the Red Cross International has the full text, with brief historical commentary, of the Lieber Code and the treaties and proposed treaties that were developed from it in the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> centuries. In the search box type Lieber Code to see all 157 articles of the Code.

## Other Sources

Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
The Francis Lieber Papers	The papers of Francis Lieber are held by the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. For information on access consult the Library's web site, <a href="http://www.huntington.org/">http://www.huntington.org/</a> .

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