

The American Story II

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Week 1 - The Road to Civil War

RESOURCES	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
HISTORY				
<i>The American Story</i>		1858 Pages 120-123		
<i>The Last Safe House</i>	Pages 4-9	Pages 10-15	Pages 16-19	Pages 20-23
<i>Ghosts of the Civil War</i>	Pages 3-7 (Page 1 is first title page)	Pages 8-9 Road to Civil War	Pages 10-11 Abe's Debates	Pages 12-15 Hurrah for Secession & Inauguration
<i>Make Your Own History for the American Story 2</i>			Underground Railroad	Timeline Work
ADVENTURE READING				
<i>The Great Turkey Walk</i>	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4-5
BIBLE				
<i>Read Aloud w/ Young Students: Make-It-Stick Devotions</i>	Genesis Page 19	Page 21	Page 22	Page 27
AFRICAN AMERICAN FOCUS				
<i>A Kids' Guide to African American History</i>		Pages x-xiii and 1-2		Pages 3-7
CHOOSE AMONG THESE PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES				
<i>American Achievements Activity Pack</i>		★ EASY ★ Create a Civil War Cipher		
<i>Civil War Paper Soldiers</i>	★ EASY ★ Take book apart & keep cover.		★ EASY ★ Cut & assemble the tent, steps 1-3	★ EASY ★ Cut & assemble the tent, step 4
<i>Other Ideas - See Notes Below</i>	★ EASY ★ VIDEO: Civil War	★ EASY ★ Re-Enact a Slave Auction	★ EASY ★ WEBSITE: Tour Slave Quarters	★ EASY ★ 3-D Map or Mini-Book
<i>AFRICAN AMERICAN FOCUS: Kids' Guide to Afr. Amer. Hist.</i>			★ LT. PREP ★ Sandstone Column - p. 3	★ LT. PREP ★ African Mask p. 5-6

Notes

Have a Slave Auction

Re-enact a slave auction. Make and post an auction notice, listing who is to be sold, with descriptions. Gather your family or friends and have some take the role of slaves, while others are buyers, abolitionists, and auctioneers. What would each person do? What would they say? Afterwards, talk about how each person felt about their role and why.

Take a Trip on the Underground Railroad

National Geographic will help you on your way via the web: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad>

Last Year's Resources

These are taken from American Story 1.

3-D Interactive Maps: Civil War on the Sea, pages 82-85

A Neat PBS Website

Take a virtual tour of slave quarters in the south, or listen to soldiers' words as they enter the War, and more by going to <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/lincolns/index.html>

Civil War Video

The video "The Civil War" by Ken Burns is a great choice for **older students** to watch. (*The pictures of some of the war dead may be disturbing to younger students.*) This film is the pinnacle of great historical docudramas, and will help your more advanced student to really understand the flow of the war. With many period photos, letters and diaries of actual veterans, and records from the era told in a fascinating way with intriguing music, this video is a masterpiece. It can be found on DVD or video at most book stores or in almost any library. **This week, view the first disc, "Episode One: The Cause."**

Working on My Own!

The American Story 2 - Week I

BOOKS I NEED	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
HISTORY STUDY					
<i>Make Your Own History for the American Story 2</i>			Underground Railroad		
<i>Timelines in History</i>					Add this week's figures.
AFRICAN AMER. FOCUS					
<i>Black Frontiers</i>				Introduction & Mountain Men... p. 7-10	
<i>Great African Americans Coloring Book</i>		Crispus Attucks American Patriot p. 4			
BIBLE					
<i>Students 3rd Grade & Up: Make-It-Stick Devotions</i>	Genesis Page 19	Page 20	Page 21	Page 22	Page 27
READING ASSIGNMENTS					
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MY MATH ASSIGNMENTS					
SCIENCE ASSIGNMENTS					

Notebooking:

- ★ **Make-Your-Own History Book - "Underground Railroad"**
- ★ **Timeline Figures to Place**
Homeschool in the Woods figures -Compromise of 1850, Pony Express, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth
WinterPromise figures - Compromise of 1850, Pony Express
NOTE! There are many great dates listed in Cheryl Harness' book, "Ghosts of the Civil War" you can add!
- ★ **Mapping Project - Start a "Civil War Places" Map**
 Start a map for your Timelines in History. Use the U.S. political map template, or the "Union and Confederate" template included in the Old World Style United States Maps CD. This week, color the seas and oceans blue, and all the states that were not official states at that time a color of your choice such as tan or light green. Color all the states that stayed with the Union a light blue, and all the states that went with the Confederacy in the south light gray. You'll find the map on pages 8-9 of "Ghosts of the Civil War" helpful as you work to build this map for several weeks. This week, use this map as a guide, and label your map with the same cities this map shows. Label the bottom of the map as "Civil War Places."



Website to Visit: Travel the Underground Railroad

Have a parent help you reach this site. The web address is listed in the parent notes.



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Week 2 - Civil War Begins

RESOURCES	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
HISTORY				
<i>The American Story</i>			1861 Pages 124-126	
<i>The Last Safe House</i>	Pages 24-27	Pages 28-33	Pages 34-39	Pages 40-43
<i>Ghosts of the Civil War</i>	Pages 16-17 Assembling Armies	Pages 18-19 Bull Run Battle		Pages 20-21 War in the West
<i>Make Your Own History for the American Story 2</i>			The Civil War Begins at Fort Sumter	Timeline Work
ADVENTURE READING				
<i>The Great Turkey Walk</i>	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9
BIBLE				
<i>Read Aloud w/ Young Students: Make-It-Stick Devotions</i>	Exodus Page 29	Page 31-32	Leviticus Page 40	Page 41
AFRICAN AMERICAN FOCUS				
<i>A Kids' Guide to African American History</i>		Pages 8-10	Pages 11-13	African American Website
CHOOSE AMONG THESE PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES				
<i>American Achievements Activity Pack</i>		★ EASY ★ Make and Use Homemade Ink		
<i>Civil War Paper Soldiers</i>	★ EASY ★ Cut out Union soldiers - see note below.		★ EASY ★ Assemble more Union soldiers	★ EASY ★ Assemble more Union soldiers
<i>The Last Safe House</i>			★ LT. PREP ★ Make Cookies Page 38-39	★ EASY ★ Follow the North Star - p. 41
<i>Other Ideas - See Notes Below</i>	★ EASY ★ VIDEO: Civil War	★ EASY ★ Abraham Lincoln Craft	★ EASY ★ Start a Civil War Scrapbook	★ EASY ★ WEBSITE: African American History
<i>AFRICAN AMERICAN FOCUS: Kids' Guide to Afr. Amer. Hist.</i>				★ LT. PREP ★ Potato Stamp Painting - p. 11

Notes

IMPORTANT NOTE: Civil War Paper Soldiers

When cutting out these figures, base how close you come to the lines on your student's skill with scissors. For younger students, simply cut a loose outline around the soldiers, rather than cutting right on the line.

A Great Idea - A Civil War Scrapbook

Your student could make a Civil War album to reinforce their studies. Try copying pictures off the website above and label each picture in a notebook. Search for items that relate to battles or people they have covered in their history books.

Abraham Lincoln Craft

You'll definitely want to make this craft together! Go to this website for a picture, directions and the pattern to print out: http://www.craftsforkids.com/projects/abe_lincoln_bank.htm

Civil War Video

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African-American History Website

You will begin this week to tour an extensive website on African-American history. Every few weeks throughout the year you will return to this site. Each page has several "exhibits" to click on, which include digital pictures of books, diaries, maps and more. This week, visit this page:

<http://lweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aahtml/exhibit/aopart1.html>

Hear the Spine-Tingling Rebel Yell!

Head to <http://www.26nc.org/History/Rebel-Yell/rebel-yell.html> It's amazing to hear!

Working on My Own!

The American Story 2 - Week 2

<i>BOOKS I NEED</i>	<i>DAY 1</i>	<i>DAY 2</i>	<i>DAY 3</i>	<i>DAY 4</i>	<i>DAY 5</i>
HISTORY STUDY					
<i>Make Your Own History for the American Story 2</i>			The Civil War Begins at Fort Sumter		
<i>Timelines in History</i>					Add this week's figures.
AFRICAN AMER. FOCUS					
<i>Black Frontiers</i>				Jim Beckwourth p. 11-13	
<i>Great African Americans Coloring Book</i>		Sojourner Truth Abolitionist p. 39			
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Notebooking:

★ **Make-Your-Own History Book - "The Civil War Begins at Fort Sumter"**

★ **Timeline Figures to Place**

Homeschool in the Woods figures - Harriet Beecher Stowe, *The War Between the States*

WinterPromise figures - *The Civil War*

NOTE! There are many great dates listed in Cheryl Harness' book, "Ghosts of the Civil War" you can add!

★ **Mapping Project - Continue your "Civil War Places" Map**

This week, see pages 8-9 of "Ghosts of the Civil War," and add to your own map some of the important landmarks also shown on the book's map. Finally, label the following places on your map that you've studied this last week and this week.

Springfield, Illinois Debates between Lincoln & Douglas

Dates of Confederate States' secession (shown on p. 12-13 of "Ghosts of the Civil War")

Surrender of Ft. Sumter near Charleston, South Carolina (p. 16 of "Ghosts...Civil War")

Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) outside Washington, D.C. (p. 18 of "Ghosts...Civil War")

Battles in the West (p. 20 of "Ghosts...Civil War")

Battles in the Mississippi Valley (p. 20-21 of "Ghosts...Civil War")

Battle of the Ironclads (p. 21 of "Ghosts...Civil War")