



Our American Story 2

Week 1 - The Road to Civil War

RESOURCES	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
HISTORY					
<i>Children's Encyclopedia of American History</i>	Pages 70-71	Page 72	Page 73	Pages 74-75	
<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 for Young Students The One-Way Bible</i>	God's Special Creation p. 6-7		We're in Big Trouble p. 8-9		
AMERICAN FOCUS					
AFRICAN					
<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

ACTIVITIES

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

Amer. Hist. Mini-Books: Civil War, page 69-72

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!

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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: The One-Way Bible</i>	God's Special Creation p. 6-7		We're in Big Trouble p. 8-9		
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

Winter Promise 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 "United States: Political" template. 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 to reach this site. The web address is listed in the parent notes.