

REVISITING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Course #:	22S-RAC
Format:	Seminar
Moderator:	Janet Nichols Jim Harvey
Date and Time:	Wed, 2:00 - 4:00 PM 10 weeks, Starting 2/21/2022
Location:	Zoom
Max # of Participants:	18
Auditors Accepted:	Yes
Max # of Auditors:	Up to 2

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this seminar is to obtain a greater understanding of the American Civil War and its ongoing impact upon current US history.

DESCRIPTION:

The United States Civil War (1861-1865) still has a major impact in our country today. We will look at what led to the war and the effect of this complex, seminal event in our nation's history. We plan to start by briefly reviewing the reasons for the war. The bulk of the seminar will cover the war itself, including such familiar aspects as a few of the major battles (up to three) and important personalities. We will also explore some of the less frequently discussed aspects, such as the Union or Confederate relationship with Great Britain and other countries, the role of women, the role of enslaved people in the North and the South, the role of King Cotton, and support (or lack thereof) for the war itself in the North and South.

ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Each participant will be expected to prepare and deliver a presentation of 30-40 minutes' duration, to participate in class discussion, and to review/read the recommended book or other sources about the Civil War.

RESOURCES:

There is no one required book, but a strongly recommended book is *The Civil War: A Visual History*, Senior Editors: Jemma Dunne, Paula Regan, Dorling Kindersley (Smithsonian, 2015). In addition, various videos will supplement the text.

ABOUT THE MODERATORS:

Jim Harvey has a long-standing interest in history and other cultures, particularly those that are important to today's world. He has moderated over thirty seminars. Janet Nichols, a retired college business instructor, has been an ardent student of history her entire life and participated in two history seminars. This is her first co-moderator role.