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### CivilWarExplorer.com

Civil War Explorer is both a guide to research and a collection of resources concerning the American Civil War for middle and high school students.

Civil War Explorer is a starting point for students from sixth to twelfth grade who want to learn more about the American Civil War, either for a class or for their own interests. It includes tools such as timelines and descriptions of key figures, events, and places and connections to primary sources. The intention is to encourage students to learn and draw conclusions on their own. This website can also serve as a good resource for teachers and educators who want to encourage research skills.

### Personas

Ben: Ben is thirteen and in eighth grade. His favorite subject is history and he wants to go deeper in learning about the Civil War than what he learned in class. He enjoys museums and libraries but finds that his computer is more accessible.

Daisy: Daisy is sixteen and in eleventh grade. She is in an advanced placement American history class and wants to find primary sources for a project.

Kevin: Kevin is a high school history teacher. He wants to teach his students research skills and wants them to engage more with a module on the Civil War, but he wants to explore options other than the resources provided by the textbook company his school uses.

### Comps

The “Learn” page of Colonial Williamsburg’s official website:  
<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/?from=navlearn>

The “Education” page of Mount Vernon’s official website:  
<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/>

The Smithsonian Institute’s official website: <https://www.si.edu/>