# PA Photos and Documents Primary Source Set: Civil War Primary Sources

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| Pennsylvania Academic Standards for History | 8.1 Historical Analysis and Skills Development  
8.1.9.C.  
Construct research on a historical topic using a **thesis statement** and demonstrate use of appropriate **primary and secondary sources**.  
(Reference RWSL Standard 1.8.8 Research) |
| Pennsylvania Core Standards: Reading in History and Social Studies | 8.2 Pennsylvania History  
8.2.9.B.  
Compare the impact of historical **documents, artifacts**, and places in Pennsylvania which are critical to U.S. history. |
| Pennsylvania Core Standards: Reading in History and Social Studies | 8.5 Reading Informational Text  
CC.8.5.9-10.I.  
Compare and contrast treatments of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources. |
| AASL National School Library Standards | Foundation:Domain:Competency  
**B.I.1** (Create:Inquire:Providing experiences with and access to resources, information, ideas, and technology for all learners in the school community.  
**A.IV.1** (Think:Curate:Using resources and technology to foster inquiry and scaffold mastery skills necessary for learning to progress)  
**A.V.1 and 2** (Think:Explore:Providing resources and strategies for inquiry-based processes; Fostering opportunities for learners to demonstrate personal curiosity and creation of knowledge through engaging with a wide variety of resources and technology)  
**A.VI.1** (Think:Engage:Educating the school community on the ethical use of information and the intellectual property of others). |
| SAS Portal Civil War Letters Lesson Plan | [https://www.pdesas.org/ContentWeb/Content/Content/22420/Web-based%20Content](https://www.pdesas.org/ContentWeb/Content/Content/22420/Web-based%20Content) |
| PA Photos and Docs items to include in primary source set | **The State Library of Pennsylvania – Civil War**  
**About this collection** A wide variety of Civil War literature, including preparations for the internment of the remains of the dead at Gettysburg. |
testimony of deplorable conditions in Confederate prisons, speeches for and against Reconstruction, and more. For regimental histories, see the State Library's Regimental Histories collection.”

**Pennsylvania Highlands Community College - Cambria Civil War 150**


**About this collection** As part of the 150th commemoration of the Civil War, the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College has digitized a diary and personal letters associated with Cambria County soldiers who fought in the war. The Quartermaster for General Grant’s army in the west wrote the letters from 1852-1865; the letters have not been transcribed and are only available in .jpg format.

**The State Library of Pennsylvania – Abraham Lincoln**

[http://digitalcollections.powerlibrary.org/cdm/ref/collection/sstlp-linc/id/317]

**Item:** A workingman's reasons for the re-election of Abraham Lincoln.

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Indiana, Pennsylvania in the Civil War**

[http://digitalcollections.powerlibrary.org/landingpage/collection/aiupa-cw]

**About this collection**

The Indiana Pennsylvania in the Civil War Era project includes primary sources including letters, diaries, and modern and historical photographs, now held in the collections of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Special Collections or the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, that document the experience of men and women of Indiana County, PA during the Civil War era. Central to the collection are the papers of the White family including a diary kept by Pennsylvania State Senator Harry White, who fought for the North during the Civil War and was imprisoned in Libby Prison and a number of other prisons across the South; the letters of his father Thomas White, a prominent judge who was involved in the organization of the Republican Party in Pittsburgh; correspondence of Richard White, a brother who also served in the Union Army during the Civil War; and letters to members of the White family from the Pennsylvania governor and high ranking representatives of the federal government. Also included are other diaries of Civil War soldiers from the Indiana County area. Together these primary sources provide a glimpse into the
experience of Civil War soldiers and their families at home and political life during the war.

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