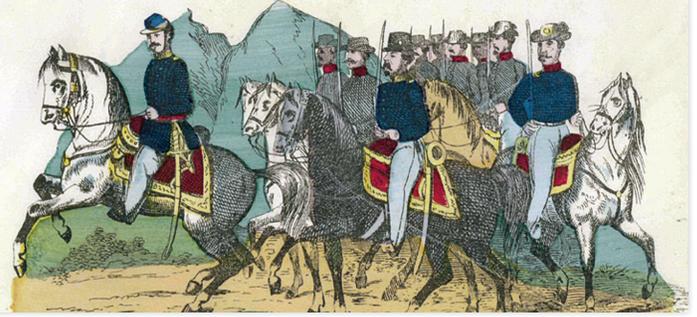


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From newspapers to government publications to broadsides and ephemera

The newspapers in *The Civil War* include the *Baltimore Sun*, *Charleston Mercury*, *Dallas Weekly Herald*, *Milwaukee Sentinel*, *National Intelligencer*, *New Orleans Picayune*, *New York Herald*, *New York Tribune*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *San Francisco Bulletin* and more than 140 others. Featuring many titles of unique historical significance, this extensive selection of newspapers provides not only detailed news stories and illustrations, varied editorial views and illuminating advertisements, but also eyewitness military reporting by the nation’s best journalists.

Essential resources published by the U.S. government include “The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies,” “Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States of America” and many others.

Rich with illustrations, the broadsides and ephemera include song sheets, poems, envelopes and other hard-to-find printed materials that shed new light on the Civil War era. These infrequently used documents—often no more than a single page—illuminate the daily struggles of not only the soldiers, but also the families they left behind.

Wide-ranging primary sources in one online resource

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