**Topics for Enlisted Men:**

African-Americans in the Civil War

* Massachusetts 54th
* Fort Pillow Massacre
* Racism in the ranks
* ‘Contraband’

Battlefield Medicine

* Treatment of wounds
* Challenges to nurses and doctors on the battlefield
* Common Diseases
* Survival Statistics for diseases and wounds
* Clara Barton
* Red Cross

Battlefield Preservation & Monuments

* Arlington National Cemetery
* Battlefield Preservation today
* Civil War Monuments (National & States)
* National Parks as Battlefields

Battlefield Tactics

* Virginia Military Institute/ West Point / US Naval Academy
* Tactics used throughout the war
* Innovation

Calvary

* Tactics
* Equipment
* Advantages/ Disadvantages
* Famous Commanders

Civil War Cinema

Civil War Culture (Poetry/Music/Artwork)

Civil War Myths and Mysteries

Civil War Photography

* Matthew Brady
* Ethics of photographing battlefields
* Photography advances and technology

Espionage

* Secret Service
* Signal Corps
* Spies
* Codes
* Thomas Jordan, Lafayette Baker, & Allen Pinkerton

Naval Warfare

* blockades
* Naval Plans (Anaconda Plan)
* Monitor & Merrimack,
* Mines/Torpedoes
* Types of ships
* Naval Commanders

News Coverage

* Forms of news coverage
* Controversy
* Publications

Northern Generals

* Ambrose Burnside, Irvin McDowell, George Meade, Joseph Hooker
* Basic Background
* Training & Education
* Major Battles
* Life after the war
* Notable Accomplishments/ Major Mistakes

Outfitting an Army

* Tredegar Iron Works
* Springfield Armory
* Uniforms
* US Sanitary Commission
* Feeding Soldiers
* New York Draft Riots

Prisoner of War Camps

* Famous camps in the North and South
* Conditions of camps
* Soldier morale and reactions to camps
* POW Commanders after the war

Soldier’s Life

* Daily Life
* Entertainment
* Punishments
* Drilling
* Combat Experiences

Southern Generals

* Stonewall Jackson, P.G.T. Beauregard, J.E.B. Stewart, Joseph E. Johnston, James Longstreet
* Basic Background
* Training & Education
* Major Battles
* Life after the war
* Notable Accomplishments/ Major Mistakes

Technological Advances

* Map Making
* Military Balloons
* Pontoon Bridges
* Railroad
* Signal Corps
* Telegraph

The Economics of War

* Costs of equipping an army
* Union & Confederate Assets
* Raising money for the war
* Civilian Costs

The Hunley

* Submarines
* Finding the Hunley
* Battle(s)

Weaponry

* Artillery
* Minie Ball
* Repeating Rifles
* Innovations

Women in the Civil War

* Nurses
* Spies
* In Battle
* On the home front

*Any Topic Approved By the Commanders in Chief*

**Topics for the Generals:**

General Grant:

Ulysses S. Grant

* Basic Background
* Training & Education
* Major Battles
* Personality
* Life after the war
* Notable Accomplishments/ Major Mistakes

Lincoln

* Basic Background
* Education
* Political Beliefs
* Notable Accomplishments/ Major Mistakes
* Suspension of Habeas Corpus/ Executive Orders

General Lee:

Robert E. Lee

* Basic Background
* Training & Education
* Personality
* Major Battles
* Life after the war
* Notable Accomplishments/ Major Mistakes

Emancipation Proclamation

* Description
* Importance / Significance
* Shortcomings
* 5 W’s

General McClellan:

George B. McClellan

* Basic Background
* Training & Education
* Personality
* Major Battles
* Life after the war
* Notable Accomplishments/ Major Mistakes

Gettysburg Address

* Description
* 5 W’s
* Famous Phrases
* Importance Today