

Creating a Working Bibliography for Student Research in the American Civil War.

To be successful you must start reading immediately. Read strategically—focus on your interest and then narrow down the material as you define your thesis. You can and should “skim” through some materials picking up ideas for more reading later. Become familiar with the MTC Library and its resources: <http://www.lib.midlandstech.edu/>.

If your topic is a person, read some of a biography and or autobiography of the person. See the bibliography of sources in the biography for more materials. See also the bibliography in your text book (McPherson, *Ordeal by Fire*, 4th ed. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2009) for ideas. Pick a current or recent book to start. Use the Library and the *Web Resources for Students* to find related print and online material.

Always take notes and keep a list of all sources used.

Below is a highly select starting list for books and resources on the Civil War. See also the bibliography in McPherson, *Ordeal by Fire*, 4th ed. (Boston: McGraw Hill, 2009). Note the select list below is not in proper style, but abbreviated here.

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