

History A-Level

The Making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975

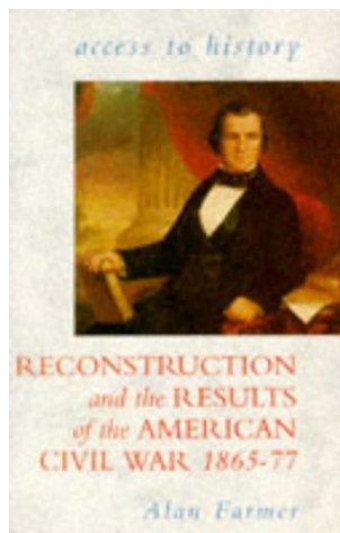
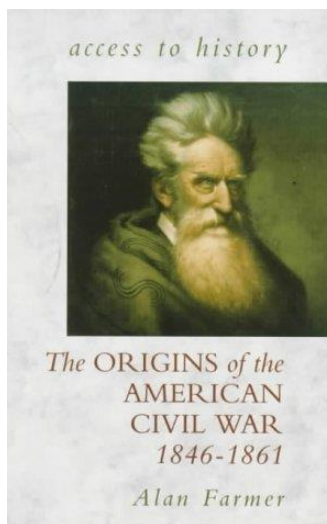
With the unit starting at the end of the Civil War in 1865 it is important that you understand the reasons why the Civil War started and what state America was in by the end of the war.

Pre-course tasks – Find out the answers to these questions.

- 1) What was the Missouri Compromise of 1850 and what was the Mason Dixon line?
- 2) What was the Peculiar Institution?
- 3) Why did Civil War break out in 1861?
- 4) How effective was the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863?
- 5) Did the North win the Civil War or did the South lose?

Suggested reading:

There are literally thousands of books on this period of history. The best place to start is the work of Alan Farmer. He has written prolifically for the Access to History A-Level series for many years and is one of the leading authorities in the country on the topic.



These two books are part of an original trilogy linked to the civil war. They are easy to get hold of on Amazon and quite cheap second hand and are well worth a read.



This book covers the entire period that you will be studying over the two years of your course for the American unit. The first half of the book is written by Alan Farmer and the Second half by Vivienne Sanders, who has also written other volumes for the Access to History series.

A comprehensive read that covers the majority of the tasks given above.