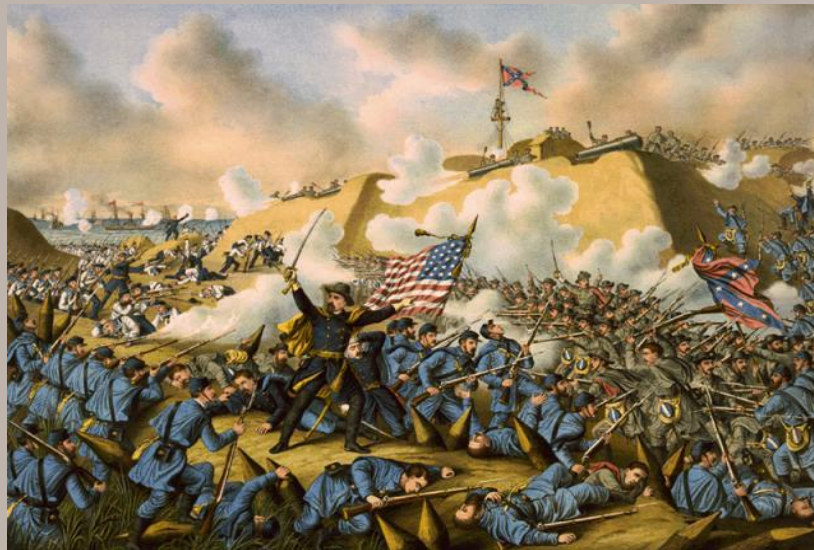


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HTST 460: The Civil War Era

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This course considers the U.S. Civil War, 1861-65, as well as its origins and the postwar peace. We will pay attention to both the battlefield and the homefront and look at the Civil War from a global as well as strictly national perspective. Important themes include the impact of slavery on U.S. society and politics. Why and how each side fought the war. Why the Union (often called the North) won and what goals it fought for. Emancipation and its consequences. Gender and the war's impact on basic household relationships. And, finally, the redefinition of American nationalism during this period.

Assigned reading includes Eric Foner, *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2010), winner of the Pulitzer Prize for history, and Jonathan D. Wells, *A House Divided: The Civil War and Nineteenth-Century America* (New York, Routledge, 2012).

The course mark is based on two exams, a paper, participation, and reading quizzes.

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