

# Psychology & the U.S. Civil War

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### DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Civil War is arguably the most important period since the nation was formed. It inflicted astronomical casualties and changed the nature of combat. The outcome of the war had extensive implications for the economy, civil rights, and the authority of the federal government, as well as for relationships between individual Americans and their families. In this seminar, we will apply psychological principles, models, and empirical findings to understand specific events, issues, and individuals associated with the Civil War.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hear the stories of real people who experienced the war
- What *were* they thinking? Get into the minds of military commanders, politicians, and other decision makers
- Learn about soldiers from Delaware County, IN
- Discover the invisible heroes: African-Americans, women, and immigrants
- Enjoy fun field trips (no overnight expeditions)

