



## PA Civil War 150 Website

The [Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission](#) (also on Twitter [@phmc](#)) launched a new website dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the role Pennsylvania played in that war. In addition to the new website, the commission also announced that there will be a Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show. According to a press release, the Road Show will be “a traveling museum experience based in a 53-foot tractor trailer that will bring interactive exhibits and unique programming to all 67 counties in the state from 2011 to 2015.”

According to Barbara Franco, the Executive Director for the PHMC, “The Pennsylvania Civil War 150 commemoration is far more than a formal remembrance. It is a collection of stories brought to life that are as epic as the fields at Gettysburg or as small as the struggles of a soldier’s wife working to survive her husband’s absence on a Pennsylvania farm. Through these stories, Pennsylvania Civil War 150 will renew interest and engagement in our state’s heritage.”



The new (and very interactive ) website is packed with information for you and your students to learn about Pennsylvania’s role in the Civil War. They have broken the website into four distinct sections: Understanding, The War, Through People and Then and Now.

Under the section on Understanding, the website provides some excellent information related to understanding the cause and events leading up the the Civil War. The TIMELINE section shows events beginning in 1780 with PA Abolishing Slavery up to 1877 (Compromise of 1877). This section also provides pictures and a narrative of various primary sources related to a particular year. The Understanding section also provides information on [Pennsylvania’s Role](#), [the Home Front](#), [Slavery](#), and [the Role of Religion](#).

Within the WAR section of the website, visitors can learn about [Battlefields and Tactics](#) along with the [Weaponry](#) and [Uniforms](#) of Civil War soldiers.

The THROUGH PEOPLE section of the website contains some outstanding stories from Pennsylvanians on how they experienced the Civil War. There are stories of [Children](#), prominent politicians like [Governor](#)

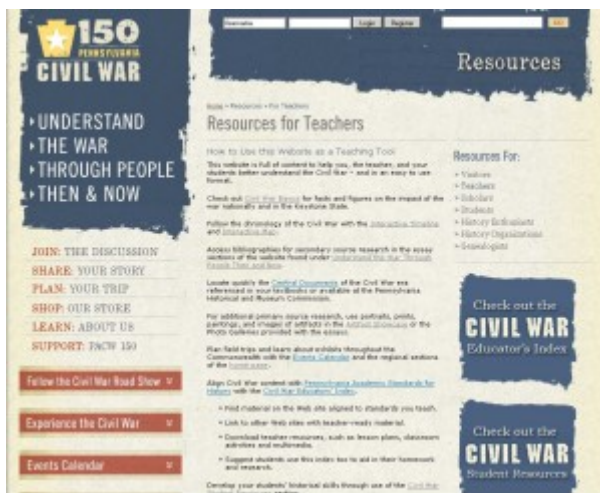
[Curtain](#), and stories of [women](#) and other [civilians](#). This section has some great photographs of the individuals that can easily be used to start a classroom conversation.



The Then and Now section provides some brief snapshots into how various things such as [Industry & Commerce](#), [Government and Politics](#) and [Media and Communications](#) (check out the photo).

In addition to all of the stories, photographs, bibliographic references and primary sources, the website offers ways for you and your students to participate in the discussion and to share your stories. You can also Experience the Civil War through an [interactive map](#) along with a great collection of [artifacts](#). These resources provide more great opportunities for teachers and students to explore and discuss.

Finally, there is a terrific section dedicated to resources for [Teachers](#). This section provides some great links to resources and lessons for teaching the Civil War which are aligned to the Pa State History Standards.



Check out the full [PRESS RELEASE](#)

So, take some time and explore this great new resource. There is more to come with this website so be sure to check back often for new resources.

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