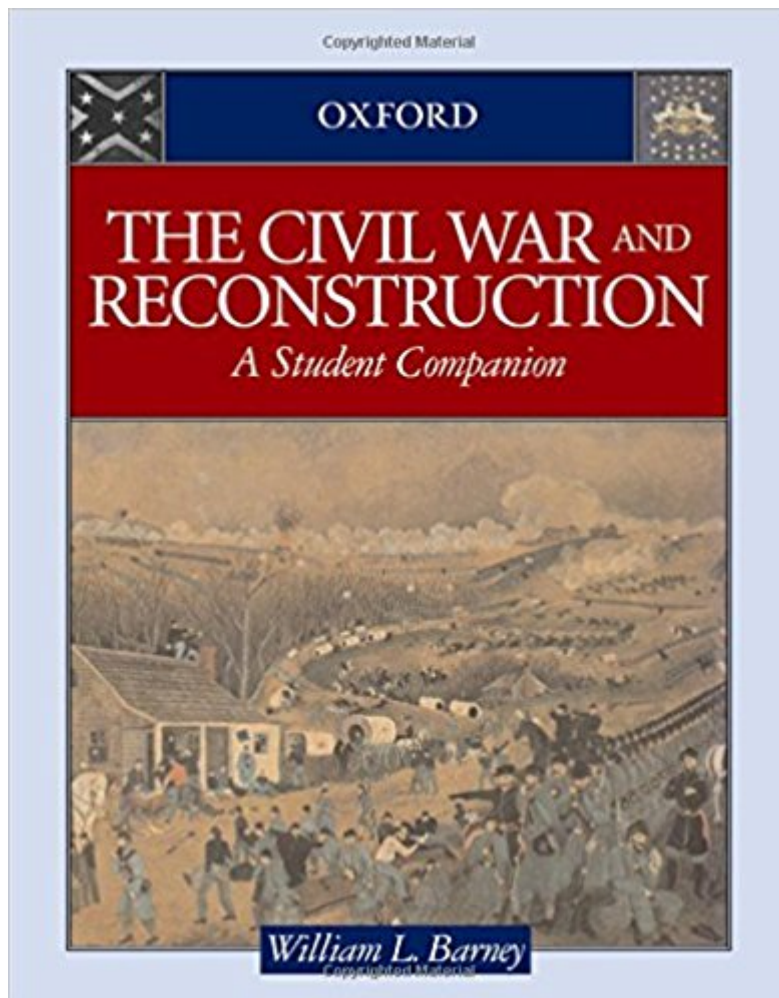




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- \* Legislative landmarks (14th Amendment, Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, Wade-Davis bill)
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- \* Political events and organizations (Constitutional Union party, election of 1860, fire-eaters)
- \* Prominent individuals (Clara Barton, Frederick Douglass, Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, Walt Whitman)
- \* Social reform (abolitionism, women's rights movement)
- \* Women (nurses, women in the war, individual women)

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