

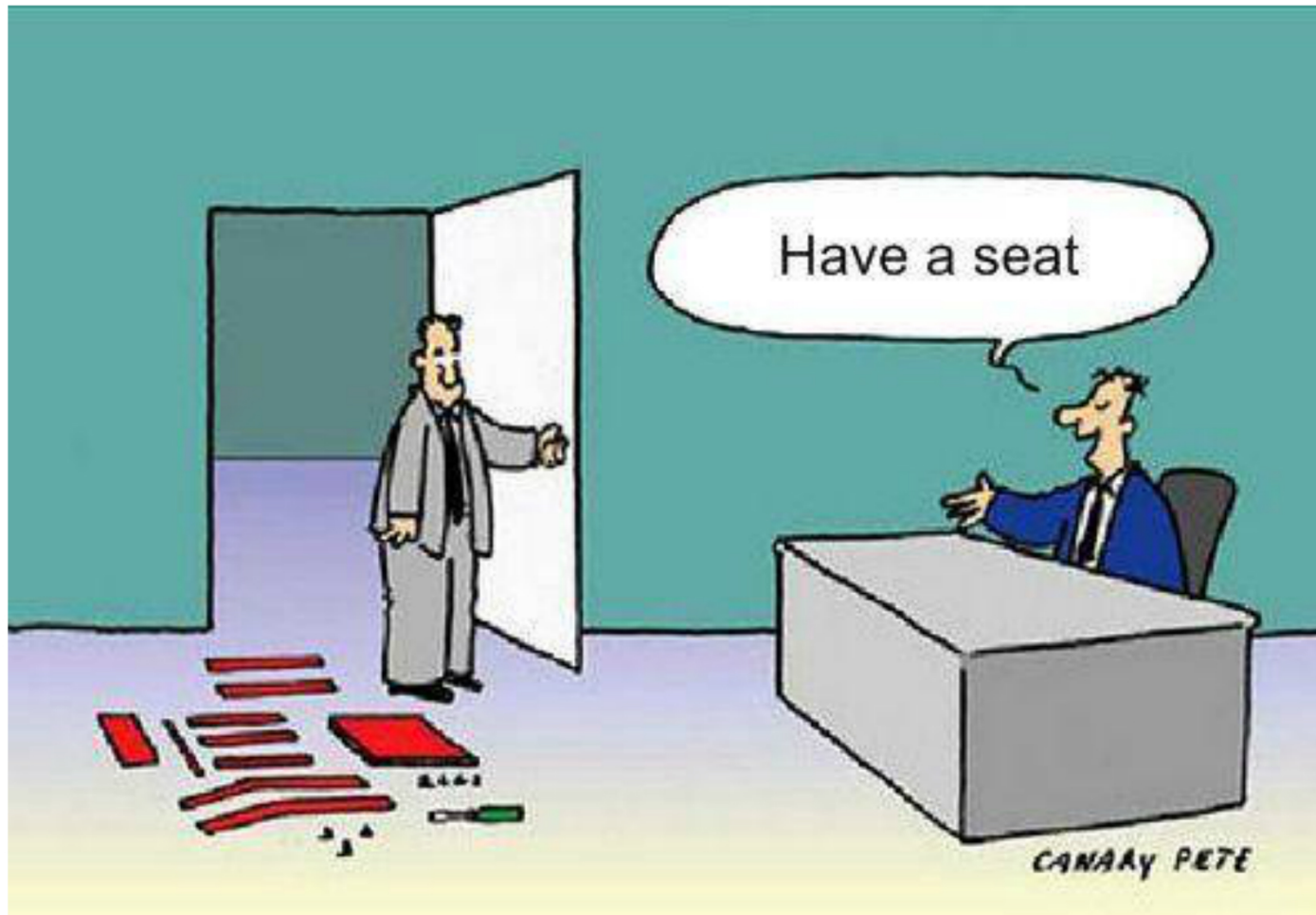
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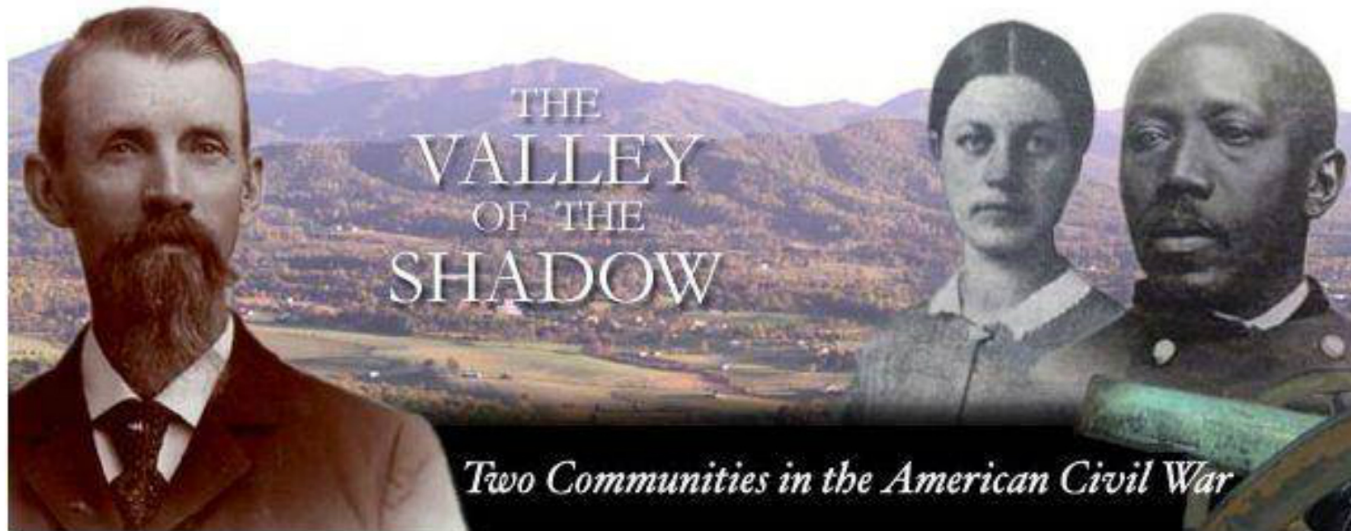


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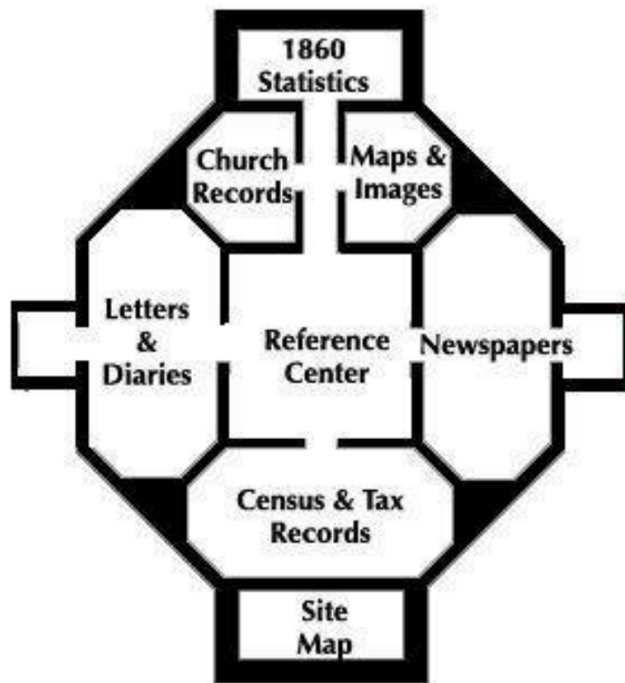
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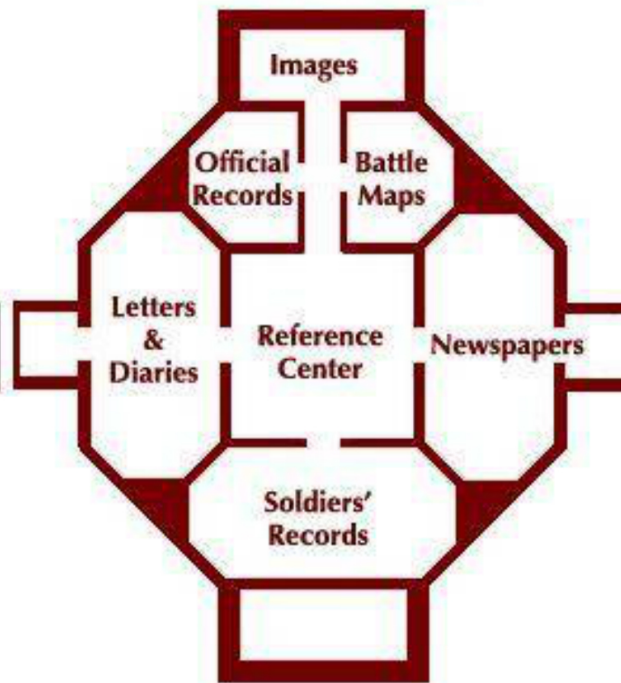
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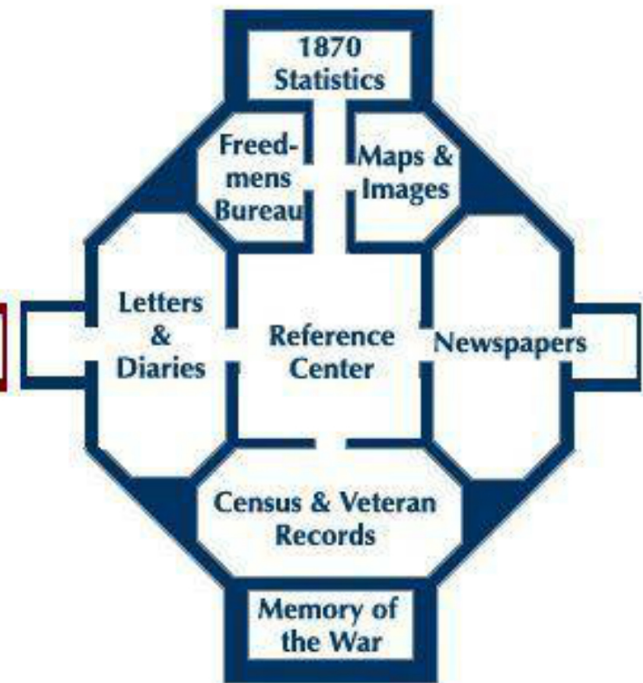
*Fall 1859 to Spring 1861*

## The War Years



*Spring 1861 to Spring 1865*

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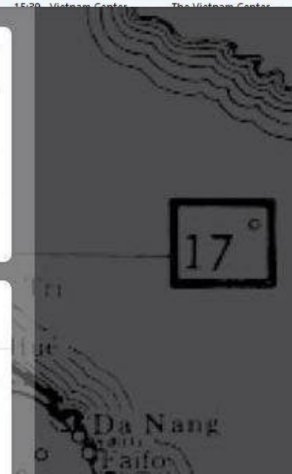


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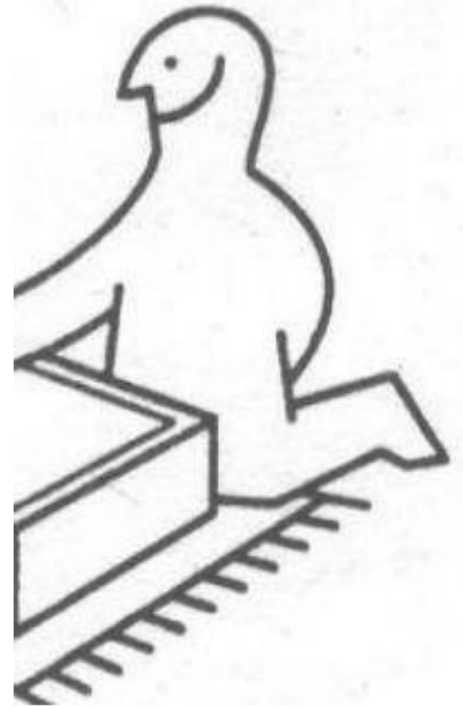
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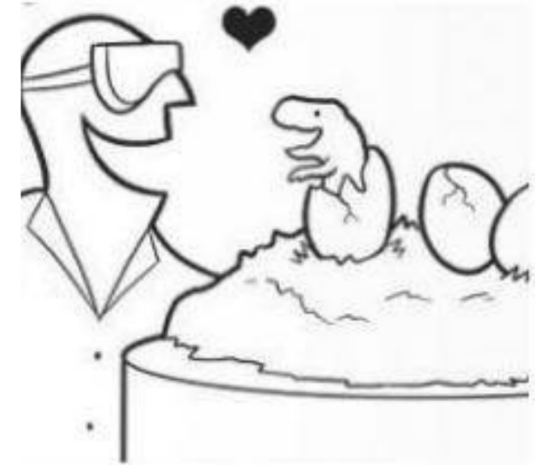
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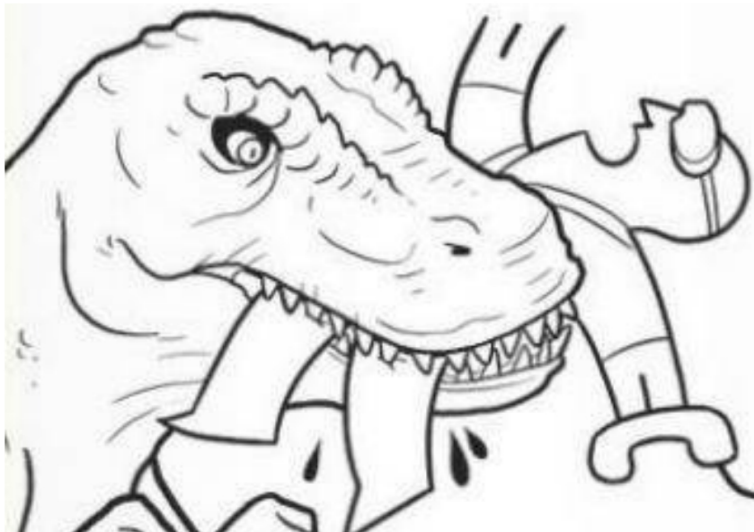
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# Analysis Aspect



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“...doing history involves telling a story, making an argument, identifying a theme or concern, coming to a conclusion. It’s not enough to endlessly celebrate the open-endedness of process, the multiplicity of sources, and the unlimited questions and answers these can support.”

(Cohen et al., 2008, fifth comment by Frisch, para 3)

visitors to a site do not come  
merely to receive information  
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