

WAS THE CIVIL WAR A DEFINING MOMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY?

A. Defining moments in American history

1. The American Revolution
2. The War of 1812
3. The Civil War
4. World War II

B. The Civil War and the emergence of modern America

1. Reconstruction politics
2. The Civil War as a modern war
 - a. Case: The Organization and administration of the Union Army
 - b. Case: the Quartermaster Department
3. W. T. Sherman, Jubal Early, and total war
4. Ulysses Grant and Robert E. Lee: modern generals?
5. The emergence of large technological systems
6. The Civil War and the rise of big business
7. Workers and the labor movement
8. The Philadelphia Centennial of 1876

C. Conclusion: The larger meaning of the Civil War