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I have in fact made an early decision on how I will approach this book. I will approach this book with an eagerness to learn the historical facts concerning the politics leading up to the Civil War, as well as the military tactics and strategies of the battles. I am very analytical and I am fascinated by anything strategic or tactical, and based on the reviews I have read about Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era I believe it will be very insightful as to the events leading up to the war as well as the military technology, tactics, and maneuvers on the battlefield.

My only concerns with historical accuracy would be fabrication of certain locations or events as pointed out in the second paragraph first page of the article "The Bloodiest of Wars" written in The New York Times, and possibly overindulgence of vocabulary also stated in the third paragraph, on the third page of the same article. However, with that being said, I still have the utmost confidence in this textbook and James McPherson as a historian. Based on the materials I have read James M. McPherson is a renowned author and historian, I believe Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era will be deeply satisfying from a scholastic standpoint.

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