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Prof. Escobar

Battle Cry of Freedom

The articles gave more positive outlooks on the book than negative ones. The decision I have arrived to is that the book can be used as a close to concrete text for the history of the Civil War. The detailed attributes that are used in the book such as maps, politicians and generals that were discussed in reviews seem to be right on. I have a high level of confidence in the book and that it will serve well as a good source.

There are not many concerns that I have with the book. The book is mostly military based and I believe sides are taken in the change of the narrators voice. Making General McClellan seem like the bad guy and Robert Lee seem like the good guy. A bias may be present when the viewers go into saying how Lincoln had a chance of not being re elected and how Lee could have been defeated at certain points in the war which are all debatable topics. History must be based on facts and not what could have happened. The obvious exist of course. I think if we investigate the authors background and see if he was raised in the north or the south which could be an important part in how he attacked this book. For me as an African American for example: I would probably write the book a certain way because of how my ancestors were treated then and maybe take a different point of view.

Based on how many five star votes the book has received on Amazon.com and from what I have read I believe that the book can be used as a main source for class. It is pretty accurate with the happenings of that era and by reading it as a narrative it can come to life depending on your level of imagination and putting yourself in that time period mentally when reading the book. I give this book a pre read vote of 5 stars and I believe Professor Escobar is a good judge on material.

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