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 Can I use your paper, anonymously,
 as an "A" example for future students?

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After considering the reviews and articles on the informative book, "Battle Cry of Freedom" by James McPherson, I feel educated on the opinions both pro's and cons of the book. I hope to take this book with no bias and ponder on the theses laid out by McPherson but also think strongly of the objections. In the reviews on Amazon, some of the readers have issues with McPherson's theses in regards to being against slavery and supporting the decision of President Lincoln or complain about a lack of detail. However, following a positive direction, people rave about the beauty of McPherson's writing and his ability to attain a large grasp of information in a relatively short text. McPherson takes time to prepare the reader for the information; he sets up the scene and the time era, giving the reader an understanding of the conflicts, the people, and the thoughts going on before he jumps into the battles of the Civil War. Numerous readers on Amazon seemed to enjoy McPherson's way of proceeding with the information and details. The Oxford review displayed bias due to its being by the company that published the book; they even try to sell you the book at the end. The review was also hard to follow and dry. Due to the writer/publisher of the review (Oxford University Press) I do not trust this source, as they are the publisher of the book. Lastly, the best review was written by Dave Thomer. He gave a perfect balance of information and opinion on the book. Thomer provided McPherson's approach on the book along with stating that McPherson opposed his own view, to make his book more versatile and open to a larger variety of the population: citizens who hold a bias either pro-confederate or pro-Union.

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and as a "blogger" - what about that?

Historical accuracy is a prevalent issue in documents written by historians along with the sources used for these documents. However, what worries me is stories being steered to make a particular side in a battle, law, country etc. to sound superior only because of misguided facts or the desire to create a heroic figure. The historical accounts with accurate references that stray away from an overbearing bias will be the type of sources I will trust and use during this course. I have reason to believe, from the well written articles, reviews, and references that the account of the civil war, "The Battle Cry of Freedom" will be reliable and accurate. This is because, while McPherson may be biased he still presents objections to his interpretations and relies on historically valid accounts from the Civil War era. In addition to this being a well-regarded book, the narrative writing style will make it an engaging and interesting read.

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Yes
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