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**Comparing Sources**by [Joe Escobar](#) - Saturday, February 14, 2015, 9:50 PM

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[Edit](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)**Just a start..**by [Agina Hale](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 10:29 AM

The video was very positive towards Grant about the Battle of the Wilderness. He kept mentioning the pursuit that Lee gave Grant, and how often Grant would always keep battling. The article was very limiting, but he wasn't very impressed on the "Divided Union". I can kind of understand what he's saying about the reenactment being a forced element. However it does really help to have the visual representations, especially with our current society standards.

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[Show parent](#) | [Edit](#) | [Split](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)**Lee and Grant**by [Katelyn Rasmussen](#) - Thursday, February 19, 2015, 2:29 PM

Agina,

I too found it helpful that the relationship between Lee and Grant was described very well. It gives you a better understanding of what happens between them and why. I too found that the article was very focused on one point and limited in other details but it was nice to have the different sites to get information from. I find that rereading the articles is very helpful to me in trying to understand what is actually being said and occurring. In these types of articles there is always such great detail explaining things very briefly and it sometimes takes a couple times of reading to truly understand things.

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[Show parent](#) | [Edit](#) | [Split](#) | [Delete](#) | [Reply](#)**Re: Just a start..**by [Jal Rial](#) - Friday, February 20, 2015, 11:30 AM

Agina,

I agree not only did they show the relationship between Grant and Lee but they also helped me as a reader understand it a lot better. What happened between the two men was a lot clearer in my mind after reading the article. I'm not saying the article was great because I also believe it was definitely limited in a ton of areas. Reading these article is important because it allows us to really identify was is going on and being said. These articles are hard to really suck the main points out after reading it once so when u read it over and over I feel it gives you a better understanding and helps.

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Re: Just a start..

by [Rebecca King](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 8:33 PM

I agree that having the reenactment was kind of forced and I do think that it can be really helpful to have the visual representations. However, I don't really like when documentaries have reenactments or dramatization because it always seems a little cheesy to me. For learning purposes through, I think it really is helpful for a lot of people to be able to see it like that, especially when the textbook doesn't have an pictures or anything else that can help you visualize what it's talking about.

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Different resources, different thoughts.

by [Andrew McGarry](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 5:47 PM

I felt that the short film gave some positive information about Grant and the kind of leader he was, very persistent. One thing I also liked was that they showed you the actual sites that battles were fought in, this allowed me personally to see a glimpse of what the soldiers were seeing as far as their surroundings. The trenches and the very thick woods would be extremely difficult to keep ones composure, especially in the hectic time of a battle. In the article I thought it was very vague and didn't provide a lot of detail, it more so just critiqued the series that was being discussed. Visual re-enactments may not be an exact representation, but sometimes when photos or real descriptions from those who experienced it are not always available and we must make due with what we have. Out of all three of the sources I feel that our main text "Battle Cry of Freedom" along side the Ken Burns episodes are the best detailed and accurate sources we could use.

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Different resources, different thoughts.

by [Katelyn Rasmussen](#) - Thursday, February 19, 2015, 2:36 PM

Andrew,

I chose to keep your same subject line because I felt that your first line in your forum really spoke to me. When you said that the short video source really provided great information about Grant, it brought to mind that each source is going to different. Not just different in the information that they provide us with but also in their own biased opinions. Each source we explore is going to somewhat have very knowledgeable information on the civil war because that is their main focus in their articles. But another way to think of it is that each source knows so much about the civil war that each writer and author is going to see the battles and encounters from their own views and that creates a biased opinion i feel no matter how hard one tries. I think that when each source focuses differently on someone this is their little way of their biased opinion showing through and maybe telling a little story of their own and how they might feel about it.

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Re: Different resources, different thoughts.

by [Jal Rial](#) - Saturday, February 21, 2015, 3:45 PM

Andrew,

I like some of the points you've touched on especially about how the film gave some type of imagine of what these soldiers where going through and there exact surroundings. The woods, the trenches and everything else that was around them gave me a great picture of how brave they where because like you said it be extremely difficult to keep your composure with those circumstances. I found the article to be somewhat informative , so when you said it was somewhat vague that was definitely a shock. Lastly I agree that our text Battle of Cry and Mr. burns episode's are the most detailed and best source we could use. Good job!!

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Re: Different resources, different thoughts.

by [Rebecca King](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 9:43 PM

I think that being able to see where these events took place really does help us understand what we're learning better. More importantly though, I think it makes it seem more real. I think there's often a disassociation that happens when you learn about history, where it doesn't really seem real. It seems more like you're reading a fictional story. But when you can see where this stuff really happened, you can think about what they must have saw and heard and thought.

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Three Parts to a Triangle

by [Trenton Bieker](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 9:09 PM

When looking at all three sources I really feel they compliment each other by focusing more on different aspects of the whole picture. Though limited to only one clip of the "Divided Union", It seemed to really highlight the technological aspect of war. It also brought the viewer to actual locations where battles took place. Ken Burns film has done a great job at making the war personal by bringing letters to life and making an attempt at showing us the human side of the war. His film even goes into the backgrounds of Lee and Grant unmatched by the other sources. Battle Cry of Freedom has done a stellar job giving us the depth of knowledge to give details unmatched by the other sources. Though feeling like you are in a huge ocean of information at times, you can always walk away from the book with something new to add to your knowledge. I couldn't say the same for the other videos, as time goes on they become obsolete due to the fact they only scratch the surface. With that said I truly think to get the whole picture these three source work well with eachother.

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Different viewpoints

by [Katelyn Rasmussen](#) - Thursday, February 19, 2015, 2:24 PM

Trenton,

I also enjoyed how each source provided little bits of information that were different from one another. All three sources were focused on a particular time and battle and place but they all also focused a little differently on a different piece of each scene. I too found it very helpful that the short clip brought people to the actual scene where it all happened, i agree that it gave people more of a opportunity to accurately visualize the battle. The fact that one source went into great detail about a couple of the most important men was also very helpful. Sometimes just hearing about the particular details about the battle isn't enough, having background provided about a couple of the most important men in these battles is also very helpful when seeing why things happened and how it all came together to actually occur.

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Re: Different viewpoints

by [Jal Rial](#) - Friday, February 20, 2015, 11:40 AM

Trenton,

I too liked how each article gave us a little different information from the other. That helped me really connected the dots. I like how each informed us about a different scene. I didn't find it as helpful that the short clip brought people to the scene where it took place. I do think that it gave people a good chance to accurately see the battle. Lastly I think its important for us to know about the important men in the battles and actually made this happened. It helps me and most likely everybody visualize and imagine how's things formed and came together.

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Re: Three Parts to a Triangle

by [Andrew McGarry](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:54 PM

Trenton,

I really like your introductory sentence, I didn't really think about the sources as complimenting each other. When I looked through the material I more so saw each source focusing on different things, now that you've pointed this out I see it from your point of view and it actually makes perfect sense. Great post!

Andrew

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Re: Three Parts to a Triangle

by [Rebecca King](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 10:03 PM

I agree that all three sources go well together in creating a thorough and accessible picture of the Civil War. The textbook is very detailed, but it can be difficult to digest because of the amount of information thrown at you. The videos can fill in and reinforce what the reader may have forgotten in the sea of information from the textbook.

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Re: Three Parts to a Triangle

by [Agina Hale](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 11:51 PM

It's kind of interesting that they were on the same side during the Mexican American War. The reason that I find this an interesting fact is that it brings it into frame about how this war had the potential for everyone to be fighting their neighbor, friend, or family member.

As far as the Ken Burns video, which I started out in the beginning being more concerned about how it was missing big gaps in facts. I have found that it has been doing increasingly better in showing each side of the battles equally in respects to the generals. The video has made a good account of each of the generals. Lee, Jackson and Grant for instance had done their men right enough for them to keep marching even after bodies upon bodies are piling up behind them. This video has done a decent job of discussing a lot of the sanitary and disease issues that were causing more problems than their wounds.

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different everything

by [Jal Rial](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 9:40 PM

This video was good and informative when it came to Grant and the Battle of the Wilderness. He let us know how Lee gave a grant a chase , and how often Grant would never give up but just keep fighting and fighting. I personally feel the article could of provided more information. I do agree when he states the reenactment being a "forced element". Even though it probably be better if it had better imagine ad stuff we could actually see and imagnate on. Now days that is what people want to see and that's how we learn. society standards.

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Re: different everything

by [Micah McJunkin](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 11:26 AM

I suppose the re- enactment was somewhat of a "forced element", but I believe it was a necessary one. The re-enactments offer up a rare opportunity for people to be physically engaged in history, while providing another option for learning for the rest of us. I have a hard time criticizing them for putting forth the effort to do the re- enactment, no matter how forced it was. Like some of our classmates have said in other posts, and I totally agree, the physical examples do achieve an important goal, and that is getting the people to talk about the war. By getting the people to talk about the war, discussion and debate will act as a filter and eventually the true details of the war will be reached.

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Visualization Sacrifices Accuracy

by [Micah McJunkin](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 10:31 PM

I really enjoyed watching this short video. I thought the way it illustrated Lee and Grant was a new and interesting take for me. Grant was a great leader, and would go to extreme lengths to get what he wanted. Human beings are visual learners, so I think the re-enactments, even though they may not always be completely accurate, are a necessary tool for many people to learn about the war. All we have to reference from the war are the pictures and written accounts from the past, and as we all know from past forums, those may not always be accurate either. So I don't have a problem with the re-enactments not always being completely accurate. I didn't get much insight out of the article. I thought it basically just reiterated what the video had already said, but with less detail and more criticism.

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Re: Visualization Sacrifices Accuracy

by [Jal Rial](#) - Friday, February 20, 2015, 11:47 AM

Michah,

You are completely right, humans are visual learners and reenactments definitely helped not only me but a on of other actual see and learn about the war. I think it is a lot easier to learn when you see something even if it isn't exactly how it originally happened it still give us a base to think and elaborate on. I think you hit it right on with all we have from the war is the documents and pictures that we learned earlier are not always accurate. This give us a even more bigger motive to actually see what's going on weather its real or fake. I agree I too have no problem with the reenactments I think they only help us get a better picture. I would have to disagree about the articles, I think they where very informative about the scenes and also the relationship between Lee and Grant.

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Re: Visualization Sacrifices Accuracy

by [Justin Wright](#) - Saturday, February 21, 2015, 5:09 PM

Certainly, different mediums have different strengths and weaknesses. By combining them all we get a more comprehensive view of the historical events as they happened.

It is interesting to see however, information from one source that may come as a bit of a shock, after reading a different source on the same subject. As if I'd never even heard it presented before. All three of our sources here, as we know, bring their own experiences and biases to the subject. Historians are trained to be objective to a certain point. But I'd argue that sometimes, some biases and prejudices are welcome. They give passion to the subject.

This can help things from getting dry. That's why in week one I claimed that I preferred McPherson having an opinion. It's hard work putting together "the truth", especially on a subject so hotly debated as this. But for crying out loud, we have to arrive somewhere. Even if we discover we have landed a bit off course, at least we'll have learned the knowledge of where the proper course is.

But again, as I said in one of my very first posts in this class, we have to be careful readers, always on guard and understanding that the author's experiences and biases may break through. While one author might not be dead on accurate, his/her view can still be considered a valuable contribution to the subject.

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Re: Visualization Sacrifices Accuracy

by [Andrew McGarry](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:59 PM

Hello Micah!

I really liked that you had the optimistic view on the short film, I thought it was really cool to see the actual locations and the reenactments are interesting to watch but I am one of those people that likes very accurate detail in historical events. I do agree with you though, the article didn't do much for me as far as information goes, it just seemed very general in description.

Andrew

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Grant and Determination

by [Justin Wright](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 11:14 PM

Many posts here have commented on Grant's persistence in harassing and pursuing Lee in The Wilderness. And it brought something to mind.

I was watching *Sherman's March* with my girlfriend on the History Channel the other night and they replayed a familiar quote that seems to dovetail with our sources here. In the show, and just about anywhere else Sherman and Grant are mentioned together, this quote is found of Sherman speaking about Grant. I've always found it intriguing because if there is conceit in the statement, it is quickly disarmed by Sherman's honest and self-deprecating candor:

"I am a damned sight smarter man than Grant. I know more about military history, strategy, and grand tactics than he does. I know more about supply, administration, and everything else than he does. I'll tell you where he beats me though and where he beats the world. He doesn't give a damn what the enemy does out of his sight, but it scares me like hell."

Thought this worth mentioning given the interest in his unusual attacks and harassment of Lee in The Wilderness. Also, on p. 726, Grant's own frustrating words in the face of setback seem to confirm Sherman's quote perfectly. "When a distraught brigadier galloped up" to tell Grant that all was lost, an exasperated Grant said:

"I am heartily tired of hearing what Lee is going to do. Some of you always seem to think he is suddenly going to turn a double somersault, and land on our rear and on both our flanks at the same time. Go back to your command, and try to think what we are going to do ourselves, instead of what Lee is going to do." Grant proved this was not simply said for morale. Within the next two days he took a quite a beating, but had nevertheless told Lincoln "whatever happens, there will be no turning back."

According to these sources, if there was a man capable of demystifying Lee, and ignoring his perceived "superhuman qualities", it was Grant. It was rewarding for me to see that Sherman's appraisal of Grant was no bombast or hopeful quid pro quo for return flatteries. It seems he truly didn't give a damn what the enemy did out of his sight.

Extraordinary talent.

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Re: Grant and Determination

by [Micah McJunkin](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 10:52 AM

Thank your for sharing that quote, I have never heard that before and it is very interesting. I think Sherman highlighted one of the most terrifying things about war, and that is the fact that no matter how much more experienced or educated you are than your opponent, there is still always an unknown about what the enemy does behind the scenes. I think this would have been especially true during the Civil War because there was less opportunity to watch the enemy compared to the technology age of today. Your post bought to light the terrible task of trying to balance offensive and defensive strategy during the war. Grant finally realized it was time to focus on what they were doing instead of the enemy, and I'm sure in some ways that was a relief, but it also made them refocus on the task at hand.

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Re: Grant and Determination

by [Justin Wright](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:07 PM

Well put. Your point about considering what the enemy is doing is a good one, and I think had much to do with the early "Anaconda" plan. In some ways, early on, it was a war to simply choke the South out of its resources, and repel enemy forces, and convince the South to rejoin the Union.

Perhaps when it was finally realized that "Anaconda" ain't gonna do the job, the North had to turn to more aggressive tactics and mentality. Which eventually led to Sherman's "total war" objectives.

Which leads us back to the quote you appreciated. Before Sherman became the man bronzed as we now know him, he had a serious nervous breakdown and begged to be relieved of command. It was denied until it was realized that he was being totally honest: He wasn't capable of leading a single man.

It is likely that Sherman's military "genius" is partly what led to his "madness."

Put another way, it's almost if he knew too much. He was always (in my opinion) projecting his own genius on to his enemies. For example, "if I were them, this is what I'd do." That would explain many of urgent and unexpected troop movements prior to his nervous breakdown.

Of course, as we know now, after being sent home and taking a sabbatical, he finally snapped out of it, fought like a lion at Shiloh, and led the North on a breath-taking campaign through the South in what we know as "total war" with a confidence that can only make one shudder. Especially considering that newspapers had declared him "Insane" just a couple years prior.

So, two points, I suppose: Sherman was able to overcome those demons that terrified the lights out of him, and do so in a way that astonishes military historians to this day. And secondly, ignorance can indeed be bliss. Obviously, Grant was not ignorant, but chose to "ignore" enemy objectives, and instead focus on his own.

Perhaps Sherman had partly learned this lesson from Grant by '64. These circumstances could have helped give birth to Sherman's shocking "total war" objectives, which in turn helped bring the end to this terrible war.

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Re: Comparing Sources

by [Rebecca King](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 11:32 PM

The thing I liked most about the Divided Union clip was that they showed images of and went to the actual locations of the battles they talked about. I think it can be very helpful in learning about history to be able to actually picture it. It wasn't nearly as informative as our McPherson textbook, but it offered a visual perspective of the information. The textbook is incredibly detailed and in depth, but it can be a bit dry and difficult to digest. I think it really is best when paired with the Ken Burns episodes so that the information really sticks. The article didn't really provide much except opinions. It touched on a couple factual things that were presenting in the film, but not a lot otherwise. So, while I think that reading articles like this one add to learning about the civil war by providing grounding criticism, I don't think it's entirely necessary if someone is just looking for the facts.

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Re: Comparing Sources

by [Micah McJunkin](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 11:08 AM

I too, did not get much out of the article. Like you said, all it did was touch on a couple things already showed in the video. I suppose that not everyone is a visual learner, so the article might help clarify the facts after watching the video for those people. I also think the textbook is by far the best source of information, but it sure is nice to have some visual examples to complement the textbook every now and then.

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Different resources

by [Katelyn Rasmussen](#) - Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 11:51 PM

I enjoyed the short video because I always enjoy different learning resources. We have our typical videos every week and I have said before that I find hands on learning and videos to be easiest and more beneficial to me. It was cool to see them out at the site where it all actually occurred. Being able to visualize the scene can make for a better understanding and seeing where it really all happened in real life is most definitely easier to put a more detailed picture in your head. I however do also enjoy reading the book and what they have to say about each battle and scene as well. The reading always tends to be much more descriptive and in order to let someone be able to picture something in their head, detail is much needed. The detail in the book combined with the two different videos really helped me this week in my understand of the chapters and recent battles we are learning about. I think that between the three different resources there was a few different point each site made but with history that will always most likely be a factor. Everyone has different opinions of their view of what actually happened and what they've seen or found in artifacts and or writings and pictures. Each source i feel like can only know so much before they start to put in their two sense of how things might have happened. I found this weeks resources very helpful because of the many different views and options to learn about the civil war.

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Re: Different resources

by [Micah McJunkin](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 11:02 AM

I also thought the re- enactment was a helpful way of learning. Of course I always visualize the battles when I am reading, but it was nice to see some sort of interpretation on the video. At first, I had a problem with the fact that the three sources had different details and highlights, but I eventually decided that the ultimate goal is to get people thinking and learning about the war, and then though multiple avenues the truth will come forward. The war happened so long ago, and people who create these videos and articles have different opinions, so naturally there will be contradicting details. It is up to us as critics to discuss what we watched and read to find the truth.

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Visualize the Warfare

by [Trenton Bieker](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 8:41 PM

Katelyn,

I too really appreciate reenactments, to better visualize the battles. I honestly thought of the battles much like the battles of today for some reason. I watched Gods and Generals and saw the men standing in lines taking shots at each other. I was shocked and in a state of awe, the courage those men had to have to stand in line and shoot once stand there and reload while the enemy took their shot. Today, we have people using drones to attack innocent citizens overseas and they come back praised as a hero. Imagine Stonewall Jackson on the front lines leading his men being a huge easy target and he just stays strong with bullets flying by. It is still hard for me to fathom that way of warfare. What I am trying to say is, the books don't do justice to how these battles took place and i feel that video reenactments are the perfect remedy.

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Re: Comparing Sources

by [Janey Willis](#) - Thursday, February 19, 2015, 4:07 PM

Looking at all of the sources I think that they complement each other and provide a balance. Ken Burns has a way of presenting information in a way that is less like a text book with information, but more storytelling (things that letters and poetry). This balances out with in-depth knowledge in the book. The short film was also able to provide a different kind of learning experience than the text book and film series by showing where these events happened.

Both videos portrayed Grant in a positive light, but his mistakes and flaws were pointed out in the short film more so than in Burns film. All in all the sources provided in this class work together with the films showing us the personal side of war and the effects it had on the people and the book giving the cold hard facts.

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Re: Comparing Sources

by [Rebecca King](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 10:22 PM

I also liked how the film showed both the positive and negative aspects of Grant. While I, of course, don't support to South's cause, I don't like when movies and books about the Civil War only ever paint the war's figures from the North in a positive light. Not just because it's biased, but because it's inaccurate.

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Battle of the Wilderness

by [Agina Hale](#) - Saturday, February 21, 2015, 1:08 PM

Battle of the Wilderness

-Ken Burns

Extensive accounts of how much Lee was admired by his men and described how well Lee was doing in the war. Later it

describes Grant as a man who had a night of intense crying, and then started the March the next morning after the defeat. His men respected him, and still followed him.

-Video

South was a master of mid 19th century warfare from west point. Masters of what they had been taught, but had trouble learning others. Such as Lee. The battle is characterized as confusion for the most part. It is mentioned that Grant unlike his predecessors Burnside and Hooker, decided not to retreat after being beaten. He decided to move forward even after being defeated. The north is attributed to the concept of "total war", unlike the usual "chess game".

-Battle Cry of Freedom

The book highlights what problems Grant was having with Lee, and how persistent he still was, "whatever happens, there will be no turning back" (also quoted in the video). The book seemed to highlight things as what Grant is responding to, but not really any emotion towards Lee's ability.

Conclusion: I decided to dissect and compare with one particular subject at a time. The Ken Burns video was the only one to note how much Lee was favored. *Battle Cry of Freedom* seemed to be more of a neutral stance, but used the quotes from Grant about not wanting to only react to Lee. The most bias was the 6min video which was the worst at keeping a objective stance on the two generals during this battle. I think it's useful to have all of these different perspectives, because it does represent the opinions even today. The North vs South element still exists today, and there is a lot of bitterness about things that were done almost 150 yrs ago. Having different perspectives shows that it's not just a cut and dry issue, it was a very complex war and not easy to sum up.

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States Rights Today

by [Trenton Bieker](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 8:48 PM

Agina,

I have thought about this a lot, the thought that North Vs South exist still today. I think about what if, slavery wasn't the catalyst that fueled the hate for States Rights. For example, today we have multiple States legalizing marijuana, which is against Federal law. Now, if the Federal government decided that it didn't care what laws a State passes if it violates Federal law, would people feel the same way about States Rights like they did back then? To me this is the essence of States Rights, the right for the people in a State to Govern how they want to live their lives. If the Federal government choose to take action, I foresee people crying out States Rights without actually saying the words States Rights. Another aspect I see in this North Vs South still alive today, is a man known as Ron Paul. A lot of what Ron Paul stands for is liberty and power residing in the people at a local level, not concentrated power like the Federal government is. Basically, he is advocating States Rights and is accepted by more people today, in my opinion because it isn't connected to slavery, but things we as people hold as rights in our minds that we feel have been taken from us or will be.

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School Fighting Times a Million

by [Trenton Bieker](#) - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 9:03 PM

There was a statement made in Ken Burns film that depicted the battles of Grant Vs Lee as two school boys staring each other down. I thought this was a great comparison of those battles. The persistence of Grant seems like pride unwilling to be defeated by his "equal" on the battle field and led to his biggest mistake of sacrificing too many men, landing himself the name "Butcher". Lee having such a successful track record of anticipating the other peoples (That's how Lee would of put it) plans and being glorified as the marble guy, could be said the reason he made the mistake of placing troops in Richmond, instead of Petersburg. This truly was a epic showdown.

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