## AMERICAN CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION

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This course explores the causes, fighting, outcomes, and memory of the bloodiest war in our nation's history – a war that claimed between 620,000 and 700,000 lives and freed nearly 4,000,000 enslaved African Americans. Through themes of race, gender, technology, the environment, power, religion, and politics, we will address questions including: why the war came, why the Union won (or the South lost), why the men (and women) fought, and how the war changed the United States.

