

# Teacher Professional Development Programs with Edward T. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

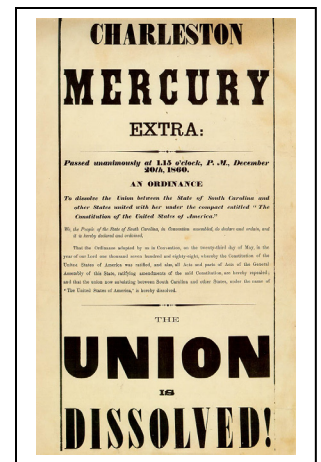
## *The Civil War & Reconstruction: The Second American Revolution*

The Civil War was the bloodiest and most divisive conflict in American history. It ended once and for all the question of slavery and the doctrine of states' rights over federal authority. Equally significant, Union victory led to an extraordinary period known as Reconstruction where America embarked on a radical experiment in multiracial democracy – what some historians call the “Second American Revolution.” But southerners never accepted black equality and ultimately, as the northern commitment to Reconstruction waned in the late 1870s, regained power and restored white supremacy.

This presentation, augmented with more than 75 visuals, examines the following:

- key factors that led to Civil War
- crucial battles, decisions and events during the war and Reconstruction
- how African Americans transformed the war and later, Reconstruction
- the impact of new technology and military tactics in the first “modern war.”
- how and why Reconstruction was ultimately abandoned and replaced by Jim Crow

Note: this talk can be tailored to your specific needs, focusing on a particular incident (i.e., Antietam, Draft Riots, etc.), industry, time period (i.e., the 1920s), or theme such as emancipation or Lincoln's leadership.



### About the Presentation:

Today's students are visual and interactive learners – and so are their teachers. Consequently, this multimedia presentation is built around 75-100 unique and carefully selected visuals, including vintage photographs, etchings, maps, cartoons, and documents (samples appear on this page). O'Donnell uses them to enhance a lively and interactive presentation. Ample time is allotted for Q & A, but O'Donnell always welcomes questions at any time during the session.



### Benefits for your teachers:

- a renewed and/or deepened awareness of topic's **essential content**.
- an enhanced understanding of the topic's critical **questions, concepts, and ideas**.
- new ideas for finding and using **primary sources** and developing DBQ's, simulations, projects, debates, and field trip preparation.

### Programming Options:

- Time Flexibility – all presentations and workshops can be tailored to meet your needs, from 1 to 3 hours.
- Pedagogy Workshops – O'Donnell is also available to lead workshops on primary sources, DBQ's, simulations, projects, and debates.
- Walking Tours & Historic Site Visits - O'Donnell has led thousands – just ask!

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