

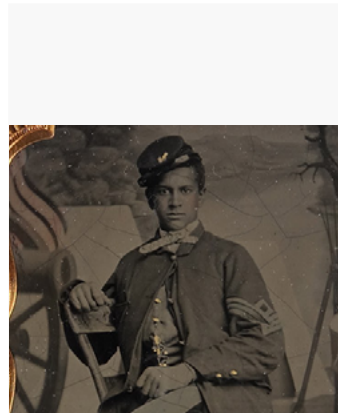
TEXAS HISTORY TOP TEN: Civil War

The Bullock Texas State History Museum's website is filled with artifacts, oral histories, highlights from curators, and interesting stories. The Texas History Top Ten tool is perfect if you only have a short amount of time, want a broad overview, or want to find hidden gems about a particular topic. Use this lists to help expand your content knowledge while planning classroom lessons for your students, or send your students on assignment to explore the Top Ten lists on their own.

Civil War

Texas seceded from the United States in 1861 to join the Confederacy. For the next four years Texans were a part of nearly every battle of the Civil War, while those left on the home front coped with war time realities.

1. [A Union soldier's belongings](#)
A kepi, trunk, cross belt plate, and portrait brought together by a collector
2. [Emancipation Day quilt](#)
A 21st century quilt celebrates Emancipation Day in Texas
3. [Five-pointed stars](#)
A collection of five-pointed stars — an emblem used by Texans going back to the Texas Revolution
4. [Sniper glasses](#)
Glasses worn by snipers during the Civil War
5. [Confederate soldier medals](#)
The only medals known to be presented to Confederate soldiers during the Civil War, given by Major General John B. Magruder to the Davis Guards



*Sixth Plate Tintype
Portrait of an Unidentified
African American First
Sergeant, United States
Colored Troops - detail.
Image courtesy The Nau*



*Silver Star of a member
of the 1st Texas Infantry,
Hood's Brigade. Image
courtesy The Nau Civil War*

6. [.44 caliber revolver](#)
Revolver manufactured by the Dance Brothers in Columbia, Texas
7. [Builder's plate from Civil War blockade ship](#)
Plate from the USS Hatteras which captured seven Confederate blockade runners
8. [\\$100 Confederate bill](#)
The \$100 bill featured Lucy Holcombe Pickens, the only woman to be featured on currency issued by a Confederate state.
9. [Civil War portraits](#)
For the first time, family members could look at a photograph of their soldier
10. [Civil War begins](#)
Select "1860-1865: Texas joined Confederacy; Civil War began"

