

The War of 1812

In the 1800s, the United States fought in four wars.

The War of 1812 was between the United States and Great Britain.

This war ended in 1815.

Francis Scott Key wrote the national anthem during this war.

The national anthem is called “The Star-Spangled Banner.”



In "The Star-Spangled Banner," by Percy Moran, Francis Scott Key points at the flag flying over Fort M'Henry.

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The Mexican-American War

The Mexican-American War was between the United States and Mexico.

This war was from 1846 to 1848.

The United States won the war and received land from Mexico.

Today, that land is California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and parts of other states.

The Civil War

The Civil War was the biggest U.S. war in the 1800s.

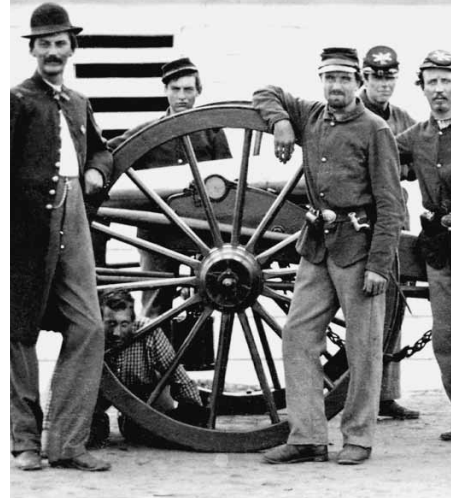
The Civil War was between the North and the South.

This war was from 1861 to 1865.

Many Northern and Southern soldiers died in the war.

The Memorial Day holiday started after the Civil War.

On Memorial Day, we honor all soldiers who have died during wars.



Civil War soldiers with cannon and caisson, Fort C.F. Smith, Co. L, 2d New York Artillery.

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The Spanish-American War

The Spanish-American War was between the United States and Spain.

The United States won the war in 1898.

After the war, Puerto Rico, Guam, and other islands became part of the United States.

Today, Puerto Rico and Guam are U.S. territories.



The Utah Light Artillery of the Utah National Guard, by Keith Rocco, in 1898, near Manila during the Spanish-American War.

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