

## **Primary Source Quotations for Unit 6: Civil War and Reconstruction**

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***“I did not know that one could live such days of excitement”***

Mary B. Chesnut, April 15, 1861 (in reaction to the bombardment of Ft. Sumter and removal of Union troops under Robert Anderson)

As quoted in: Linden, Glenn M. and Thomas J. Pressly. Voices from the House Divided: The United States Civil War as Personal Experience. New York: McGraw Hill, 1995. p. 1.

***“We are whipping the yankeys most beautifully, but we are loosing many good men.”***

David G. Harris (Confederate), September 13, 1862. As quoted in Linden & Pressly, 15.

Note from Mr. Broach: this is obviously before Antietam, but after the many Confederate victories in Virginia.

***“While the South does not hesitate to employ their slaves against the Government, the Government refuses to accept the services of any colored citizen in suppressing the rebellion, lest they should lead to the freedom of the slaves, and thus inflict too heavy a blow upon the slaveholding rebels.”***

Frederick Douglass, In-text from “The Rebels, the Government, and the Difference between them.” July 1861. As quoted in Linden & Pressly, 21.

***“Our army is still folling back and the yankeys are advancing slowly.”***

John W. Cotton (Confederate), December 14, 1863 – describing the change to more Union victories in the Civil War 1862-1863. As quoted in Linden & Pressly, 71.