

Sackets Harbor's rich history includes the tragic American Civil War. Humanities NY awarded the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site a "Reading and Discussion" grant titled "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War." Humanities NY hopes this Civil War themed series will encourage casual discussions among participants, thus enriching an understanding of the war's military and cultural impact on our nation.

Jefferson Community College history instructor Josh Canale guides the series theme during sessions held alternately at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site and United Presbyterian Church.

This grant provides three books to borrow: *March* by Geraldine Brooks, *Antietam* by James McPherson, and *America's War* by Edward Ayers. The series includes not only selected portions in these books, but conversations about ancestors involved from both the North and South, local connections to the war, and other choice readings in diaries, historical fiction, and biographies.

This discussion series consists of four sessions at 7:00pm on Thursdays May 11, May 18, May 25, and June 1, in addition to the first "meet and greet" with book sign-outs Thursday May 4 at the Hay Memorial Library.

That first 7pm evening orientation at the Hay Memorial Library on May 4th brings participants together to learn about the series, along with signing-out the three books provided for loan by Humanities NY.

Sign up for this free unique experience to discover more about the Civil War and how the North Country played a prominent role. Space is limited, please call the Battlefield Site to register - [315-646-3634](tel:315-646-3634) or email Constance.Barone@parks.ny.gov