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The nation debated and fought over the meaning of freedom and the rights of individuals amid, and because of, the Westward expansion of the American empire. Throughout the Civil War (1861–1865), the events leading up to it, and the decades following, ideas about liberty incited conflict and shattering violence as people debated who might claim freedom and citizenship in the ever-expanding American nation. The war itself brought death and destruction on an unprecedented scale, with over 750,000 soldiers and uncounted numbers of civilians killed.

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M623308;type=102
Object name: Document
Title: Facsimile of the Emancipation Proclamation
Maker: Abraham Lincoln
Date: circa 1864
Object ID: 76.G.64
Notes: This is a facsimile of the original, handwritten Emancipation Proclamation, written by President Abraham Lincoln. A facsimile is a copy.

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M572792;type=102
Object name: Poster
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Title: *Constitutional Amendment Abolishing Slavery*
Maker: Charles Christian Nahl and Louis Nagel
Date: circa 1866
Object ID: 99.63.1
Notes: Broadside announcing the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery that was drafted during the sixteenth session of the California Legislature. A broadside is a large sheet of paper that has been printed on one side and used as a poster.

[Image of a broadside]

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M655599;type=105

Object name: Envelope
Title: *Defender of the Stars and Stripes: a Nation mourns thy loss. A Nation’s Tears thy Memory shall bedew.*
Maker: J.E. Hayes
Date: 1861
Object ID: MS.518.S2.11
Notes: Lady Liberty grieving at the grave of Col. Ellsworth. Ellsworth was killed after taking down a Confederate flag during the occupation of Alexandria, Virginia. A federal shield lies atop the grave, which might be a classical reference to Spartans who were expected come back with their shield (victorious) or on their shield (dead).

[Image of a envelope]

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M655636;type=105
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Object name: Envelope
Title: *Southern Rights and Southern Institutions*
Maker: Unknown artist
Date: circa 1862
Object ID: MS.518.S2.48
Notes: Civil War envelope with portrait of Confederate President Jefferson Davis surrounded by patriotic symbols of the Confederacy and slogan *Southern Rights and Southern Institutions.*

[Image of Bugle]

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M559666;type=101
Object name: Bugle
Date: mid-1800s
Object ID: 89.76.8
Notes: Bugles or trumpets were used as signals by the United States military. Soldiers' daily lives were regulated by bugle calls, indicating times to rise in the morning, report for duty or meals, and retire at night.

[Image of Stirrups]

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M657778;type=101
Object Name: Stirrups
Date: 1860s
Object ID: 138.G.16-.17
Notes: Stirrups with spurs, a pair, brass, and leather, used by U.S. and Union Major General Charles Forman.
http://collections.theautry.org/mweb/cgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M524424;type=101
Object name: Revolver
Maker: Colt’s Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company
Date: 1861
Object ID: 87.118.24
Notes: Inscribed on backstrap: E. S. Sanford / with compliments of Col. Colt.

http://collections.theautry.org/mweb/cgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M506305;type=101
Object name: Gun belt and holster
Date: mid- to late 1800s
Object ID: 85.1.518
Notes: Owned by Frank James, the older brother of Jessie James. Alexander Franklin “Frank” James enlisted in the Missouri Confederate State Guard soon after the firing on Fort Sumter. He left the regular army in 1863 to join William Quantrill’s bushwhackers.
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http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M112625;type=102
Object name: Photograph
Title: A Portrait of General Robert E. Lee
Maker: William D. O’Donnell
Date: circa 1860
Object ID: P.36323
Notes: Photograph of Union General Robert E. Lee, circa 1860.

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M112603;type=102
Object name: Photograph
Title: A Portrait of Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson
Maker: William D. O’Donnell
Date: circa 1860
Object ID: P.36318
Notes: Photograph of Confederate General, Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson.
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http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M137933;type=101
Object Name: Sword and scabbard
Maker: Schnitzler & Kirschbaum
Date: 1860s
Object ID: 138.G.29
Notes: Sword and scabbard, part of dress uniform of Nevada Volunteers, worn by Union Major General Charles Forman.

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M502862;type=101
Object Name: Surgical kit
Maker: Dietrich W. Kolbe
Date: mid-1800s
Object ID: 88.25.6
Notes: A surgical kit in a custom-made three-fold leather case containing scalpels, probes, forceps, ear spoon, curved needle, and urinary catheter.
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Object name: Belt
Date: circa 1860–1865
Object ID: 85.7.3
Notes: Belt for saber with officer's buckle, used by Union General, George A. Custer.

Object name: Coat
Date: 1860s
Object ID: 138.G.24
Notes: Coat, part of dress uniform of Nevada Volunteers to the Union Army, worn by Major General Charles Forman.
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http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record:id=M124115;type=102
Object Name: Photograph
Title: Johnny Clem
Artist: Unknown photographer
Date: 1863
Object ID: P.38836
Notes: A photograph of Johnny Clem, the youngest soldier in the Army of the Cumberland, 12 years old, 1863.

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record:id=M124107;type=102
Object name: Photograph
Title: Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant
Maker: Mathew B. Brady
Date: 1864
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Object ID: P.38834
Notes: Photograph of Union Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant.

Object Name: Journal
Maker: Platon Vallejo
Title: Field Life in the South
Object ID: 2001.43.42
Notes: Platon Vallejo, son of Mariano Vallejo, was studying medicine at Columbia University in New York when the war broke out. He volunteered in the New York Corps of Surgeons and served on the battlefront.

Object name: Photograph
Title: Untitled

http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M581992;type=105
http://collections.theautry.org/mwebcgi/mweb.exe?request=record;id=M541449;type=102
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Maker: Unknown photographer
Date: circa 1861
Object ID: 90.253.1780
Notes: Photograph of drill of Sabula Soldiers, later Company A of the 24th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Union Army.