**Maryland and the Confederacy**

**Syllabus**

**Course:** 45534

**Course Description:** Examine the history of Maryland during the Secession Crisis of 1860-1861. Maryland, a slave state with strong ties to the South, remained in the Union. Ask and answer the question just how close Maryland came to casting her lot with the South during the Civil War by examining the strength of Confederate and Unionist sympathies in the state.

**Course Objectives:**

* Identify prominent Unionist and Confederate sympathizing leaders in the state of Maryland during the Secession Crisis and the Civil War.
* Examine the role of the Lincoln Administration in keeping Maryland in the Union.
* Appraise the level of support for the Northern and Southern positions in Maryland.
* Examine Maryland’s place in Civil War history.

**Outline:**

1. The Historical quandary, MD in Civil War History
	1. Traditional view, MD was viewed as a Southern state
	2. Civil Rights era started to change that view
2. MD before the war
	1. Views on slavery
	2. The politics of the state of Maryland
		1. The pattern of election violence in Maryland.
		2. The end of the 2nd Party System.
3. 1860 and the Presidential Election
4. The Secession Crisis and the events of 1861.
	1. The last attempts at Compromise
	2. Maryland’s response to overtures from the seceded states.
	3. The upper South rejects secession.
	4. The attack on Fort Sumter
	5. Lincoln’s call’s for volunteers
	6. The Upper South secedes
	7. The riots in Baltimore April 19, 1861
	8. The military occupation of Maryland.
	9. The Maryland legislature convenes
	10. Maryland fails to meets its enlistments quotas.
	11. The September arrests and the effects on Southern sympathizers.
	12. The election of 1861 ensures Unionist victory.
5. 1862
	1. The Battle of Front Royal, Maryland vs Maryland.
	2. The makeup of Maryland Union units.
	3. The Antietam Campaign leads to renewed pro-Southern sympathies.
6. The Gettysburg Campaign and the opening of the prisoner of war camps.
7. The Monocracy Campaign and renewed arrests of Southern sympathizers.
8. The end of the war and the return of Maryland Confederates changes Maryland politics.
9. Maryland adopts Pro-Confederate symbolism.

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