General Databases to use:

EBSCO Student Resource Center: Use the Student Research Center for easy access to magazine articles, newspaper articles, primary source documents, maps and more.
EBSCO MAS-Ultra: High School research database containing full text magazine articles (some back to 1975), full text reference books, biographies, primary source documents, images, maps and flags.

History Databases to use:

Culture Grams: Easy-to-use site with cultural reports for more than 200 countries with maps and statistics; informative pages on the 50 U.S. states; searchable photo gallery from around the world; famous people index listed by country; and recipe collections from every country in CultureGrams.

Reliable Websites: http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/

http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war

http://www.civil-war.net/ - make sure you use only links with a clear responsible party, which many of these have.

http://www.historyplace.com/civilwar/

Other useful resources:

Sweet Search: A search engine (like Google) but better, since its websites are approved by teachers, librarians, or other experts.