

off the fence.

Civil War 360

3 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. The Union

Hosted by actress Ashley Judd, this film is a journey back to a time when a Union victory was anything but guaranteed. Seeking to understand the experiences of her great-great-grandfather, who was a Union soldier from Kentucky, Judd peers through the eyes of his contemporaries by delving into the vast collections of the Smithsonian Institute.

2. Fight for Freedom

Host Dennis Haysbert traces his ancestry four generations back to enslaved people 'sold down the river' to plantations in America's deep South. Objects from the Smithsonian's collection – a ship's manifest listing a cargo of slaves, the inkwell Lincoln used to write the Emancipation Proclamation, a hymnal owned by Union spy Harriet Tubman – transport us back to the that brutal and complicated time when those with the most to gain also had the most to lose.

3. Confederacy

Host and country music singer, Trace Adkins, takes us back to 1861, when America split in two over slavery. While honouring the sacrifices made by soldiers like his great-great grandfather, a Confederate infantryman from Louisiana, Adkins will explore objects inside the Smithsonian Institution that stood witness to a time when those living in the Confederacy risked losing the only life they knew.