

The Human Cost of the Civil War

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Objectives:

- Through a PowerPoint presentation elements of the human cost of the Civil War will be presented to the students including the dead, wounded and captured soldiers of the war.
- Students will understand the widespread impact that the war had on everyone in the nation.
- Using US National Archives & Records Administration analysis worksheets, students will analyze photos and prints included in the slide show.

Connection to Frameworks:

USI.40 Provide examples of the various effects of the Civil War.

A. Physical and economic destruction

C. The greatest loss of life on a per capita basis of any US war before or since

Target audience:

This could be used with students in almost any grade studying the American Civil War. Ideally suited for students in grades 5 – 12.

Materials:

- Computer and projector
- Copy of the PowerPoint presentation *The Human Cost of the Civil War*
- Optional: Photo/Print/Drawing Analysis Worksheet, which is attached to *The People of the Civil War* lesson

Lesson:

This presentation could be used in conjunction with a unit on the impact of the Civil War on American life or as the introduction or conclusion of a unit on the cost of the Civil War. The worksheet could be used for students to provide analysis of any of the images in the slide show. The power of the images should provide excellent springboards for discussion.

Bibliography:

See the bibliography that is attached to *The People of the Civil War* lesson.