

Student Handout: Analyzing Photographs of the Civil War

Photo credits are listed on websites with smaller version of photos

Websites: Library of Congress - selected photos

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cwphtml/cwphome.html>

NARA Research Room – Civil War Photographs

www.archives.gov/research_room/research_topics/civil_war

American Civil War.net

<http://www.americancivilwar.net>

Image #	What do you See	What story it tells about the Civil War
1. Brandy Station Dec. 1863-4		
2. Defenses of Wash.,DC 27th Af-Am troops 1862-65		
3. White officers of Colored Inf. No date		
4. Interior view of the Pulpit, NC Jan. 1865		
5. Funeral of soldiers, Wilderness campaign		

May-June, 1864

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6. Field Hosp. after Battle of Savage Station June 30, 1862		
7. Blacks collecting bones after war Cold Harbor, VA		
8. Incidents of War: A Harvest of Death Gettysburg, 1863		
9. Richmond, VA- Barges w/Af. Amer. 1865		
10. Bermuda Hundred, VA contraband, 1864-65		
11. Cedar Mtn, VA family group Aug, 1862		

12. Hanging bodies
of conspirators
1865

13. Nurses/Officers
of Sanitary Commission

14. Richmond, VA in ruins,
1865

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15. Hampton Roads, VA

16. Issuing rations,
Andersonville

17. Refugee family
leaving home

18. Hospital ward,
Washington, DC

19. Amputation

20. Clara Barton

21. Starving POW
recently released

Consider: Which of the photos appeared to be posed? What was the photographer's motivation to record this particular scene? What aspects of society are missing from this selection?