

Civil War 1861-1865

“Civil War Hospitals”

In the early 1860s, doctors had not yet discovered the germ theory of disease. This caused many casualties in the war, where even the soldiers did not want to go to the field hospitals. Read the panel to find the answers.

What skills could Civil War doctors administer?

Anesthetics and Amputations

What ratio/fraction of Wisconsin soldiers died from disease in the Civil War?

2/3

Name 3 diseases that spread in the field hospitals.

Malaria, Typhus, Dysentery

MATCH!

Draw a line from the Civil War item to its description

Camp Randall		The South's largest cash crop
Cotton		Emancipation Proclamation speech
November 6, 1860		A Northern advantage linking urban centers to cities
Sharpsburg, Maryland		The largest training camp in Wisconsin
September 22, 1862		Where the Battle of Antietam took place
Railroads		President Lincoln's election



Battle of Antietam

The Battle of Antietam took place on September 17, 1862 and is marked the single bloodiest day American history. Casualties numbered more than 25,000 of whom almost 5,000 were killed. Take a look at the battle diorama to answer the questions.

Look at the person holding the flag and the bullet-riddled flag poles. As an unarmed soldier how do you think the flag bearer felt? Why would someone volunteer for that position?

Brave, scared, etc.
It was a great honor to be the flag bearer, etc.

How do the statistics of the Battle of Antietam explain why the famed 2nd, 6th, and 7th Wisconsin regiments were called the Iron Brigade?

They launched the attack, but lost over 40% of its fighting men.
They were brave and fierce. They must be made out of iron.

“The Tedium of Camp”

While at camp, you're a correspondent for your local newspaper back home. Describe life at camp giving specific details.
Ex. I keep a diary, drill, eat hardtack, play chess/checkers

Spanish-American War 1898

Think about the American Revolution, when America gained its independence.

Who were we fighting? The British

Why? We wanted our independence

Cuba wanted to be free from Spanish rule. How can the United States relate? We wanted to be free from England

Think of the problems Spain faced traveling so far to Cuba?
Ex. replenishing supplies

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“Remember the Maine”

What new territories did the USA require as a result of the Spanish-American War?

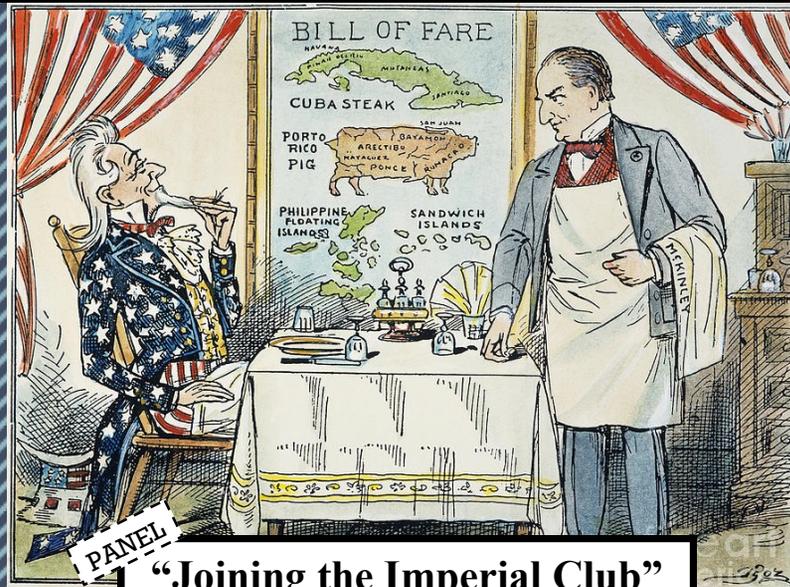
Guam, Puerto Rico, Philippines

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“Recasting the Militia”

In what way was the National Guard an improvement from the parade units?
Regulated, trained, and adequately equipped citizen-soldiers

Philippine-American War 1899-1915



“Joining the Imperial Club”

Americans were divided over their opinions on America’s new territory. Some thought America could only be a true world power with an empire, like England, France, and Germany. Others thought America had no business holding any territory outside the US, and it wasn’t right to own colonies since we had fought to be free from England. President McKinley was influenced by elite groups who favored trade, navalism, colonies, missionary activity, and the United States achieving its Manifest Destiny in becoming a world power.

Take a look at the political cartoon above.

What is the message of the cartoon? America is hungry for new territory
When might it have been drawn? After the Spanish-American War
What does the food on the “Bill of Fare” represent? Former Spanish colonies now in US hands

The man on the right is President McKinley. Who is the man on the left?
Uncle Sam/The United States

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“Reluctant Belligerent”

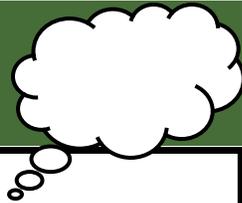
What was one reason Wisconsin might have seemed reluctant to join World War I? Large population of German and Austrian descent.

How many men signed up to join on a single day for Wisconsin?

- A) 150,000
- C) 218,000
- B) 287,000
- D) 194,000

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“Enormous Casualties”



The Treaty of Versailles was signed on November 11, 1918 to end World War I. The United States rejected signing the treaty. Why?

Americans sought to turn away from the new world order they helped to create.

World War I 1914-1918

Trench Warfare & Deadly Gas



Military members in the trenches experienced short, violent periods of fire and long periods of waiting.

How do you think military troops in the trenches felt waiting for enemy forces?
Scared, nervous, anxious

Look at the artifacts in the exhibit. What do you think they used for entertainment? Why?
Books/magazines, chess. To distract themselves so they don't think about the war, etc.

Find the interactive Touch Screen and read about Gas Masks.

1. By 1918 how many shells contained a gas agent? 1 out of 4
2. Listen to the alarm that alerted soldiers to a gas attack.
3. Now learn about a specific person who was in the war.

Pick a name and write one interesting fact about them.

Name: _____

Interesting Fact: _____



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"The Medal of Honor"

Find the case with the medal of Honor Recipients, read their stories and match their information with their pictures.

The Medal of Honor is the highest award for bravery in action against an enemy which can be given to an individual serving in the military.



Name: Staff Sargent Beauford Anderson

Name: Staff Sargent Gerald Endl

Name: Second Lieutenant Jerome A. Sudut

Name: Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.

War Served in: World War II

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War Served in: Korean War

War Served in: World War II

Something Learned: _____

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Something Learned: _____

World War II

1939-1945

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“Resisting the Aggressors”



Great Britain and France declared war on Germany in 1939. After World War I, many Americans did not want to enter another conflict. President Roosevelt, however, wanted to aid Great Britain and France against Nazi Germany.

Think of one reason why the United States should help Great Britain and France.

Help an ally from WWI, Germany is in the wrong for invading Poland, Roosevelt and Churchill stressed the need to defeat Hitler, etc.

What happened on December 7, 1941 that led the United States to declare war on Japan and shortly after, Germany?

Pearl Harbor

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“The Buna Campaign”

Look at the diorama and read the panels. What were conditions like for US soldiers when they arrived? Weather? Environment?

The weather was hot and humid. The environment was thick jungles.



Find the interactive Touch Screen and listen to a veteran’s experience titled, “The Buna Campaign”. What problems did they encounter while trying to retrieve air-dropped supplies?

Air dropped at the wrong place, damaged/broken, etc.

How did the Allied soldiers break the Japanese hold?

Tanks and air superiority

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“Battle of the Bulge”



In December 1944, a major German offensive is launched against the Allies in the Ardennes Mountains region on the Western Front. Because it was the middle of Winter, temperatures were frigid.



In the Battle of the Bulge American troops fought for weeks in the freezing cold, often having only one uniform. Imagine you are a military member fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Write a journal entry of what your day was like.



Korean War

1950-1953

“The See-Saw War”

Why was the Korean War called the See-Saw War? How does a See-Saw War effect the outcome? *Considerable mobility on each side going back and forth. See-Saw war ended in a stalemate or cease-fire.*

MiG Alley



MiG Alley is the name given by pilots to the area surrounding the Yalu River in North Korea. During the Korean War it was the sight of numerous dogfights between American and North Korean pilots.

North Korean Pilots flew the MiG-15 Fighter Jet, while American Pilots flew the F-86 Sabre Fighter Jet. Compare the stats of each of these jets to the right and answer the questions.

	MiG-15 Fighter Jet	F-86 Sabre Fighter Jet
Country of Origin	Soviet Union	United States
Weight	7,900 lbs.	10,950 lbs.
Max Speed	668 mph	690 mph
Max Range	745 mi.	785 mi.

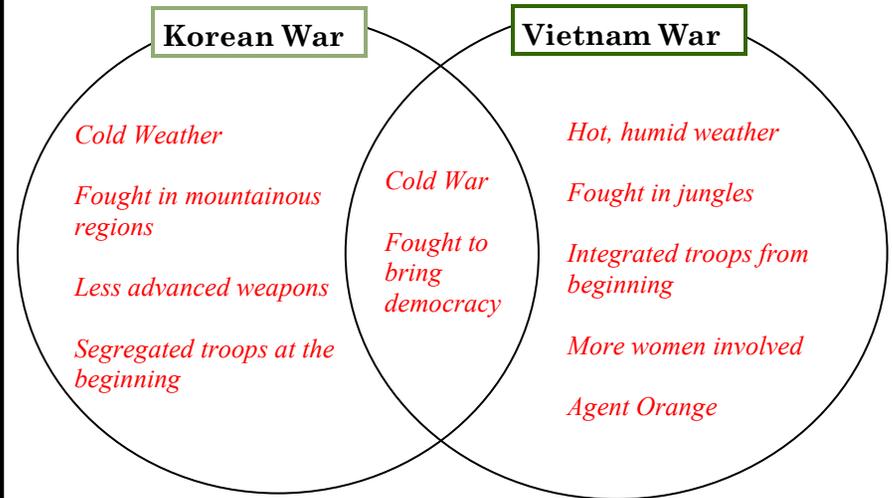
1. Which jet could travel further before needing to refuel? F-86 Sabre
2. If each jet had to travel the 4,000 miles from Moscow to Seoul, and they leave at the same time, which one will arrive first? F-86 Sabre
3. Given the stats above, which side do you think had more victories using jet aircraft? F-86 Sabre



Vietnam War

1959-1975

The Vietnam and Korea War were both fought to contain communism. What are some similarities and differences you can see between the two wars (ex. environments, weapons, troops). **Hint:** Look in the panels and in the exhibits.



Helicopters were very important in the Vietnam War, especially the UH-1 “Huey” helicopter that is above you. What are some possible advantages in using helicopters versus planes? (Hint: listen to the interactive)

Able to land in small areas and able to deliver supplies and troops quickly.

War on Terror

1990-Present



Find the interactive Touch Screen and listen to one of the interviews featuring two veterans. Write down one of their names and two facts of their daily life.

Name: SGT Naylor, SGT Prohaska, SSG Carnes, CPL Schuth

Fact 1: _____

Fact 2: _____

Why do you think the museum uses oral history interviews? Are there things you can learn from an interview that you can't learn from a panel, why or why not?

Able to hear real-life experiences, hear a person's opinions about their duties and missions, hear a person's feelings during their missions, and daily life in the military.

Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

Improvised Explosive Devices are not a high technology weapon. What makes them so dangerous?

Deployed in unconventional ways and detonated by cell phone



Periscope

A periscope works when light is reflected from 2 mirrors positioned at 45 degree angles. Take a look through the periscope in the museum.

How do the angled mirrors of a periscope help people on a submarine see objects from a distance? Light is reflected off of those 2 mirrors

