

# 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?

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

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Name 3 diseases that spread in the field hospitals.

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**MATCH!**

Draw a line from the Civil War item to its description

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

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

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## “The Tedium of Camp”

While at camp, you’re a correspondent for your local newspaper back home. Describe life at camp giving specific details.

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# Spanish-American War 1898

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

Who were we fighting? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Think of the problems Spain faced traveling so far to Cuba? \_\_\_\_\_

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## “Remember the Maine”

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

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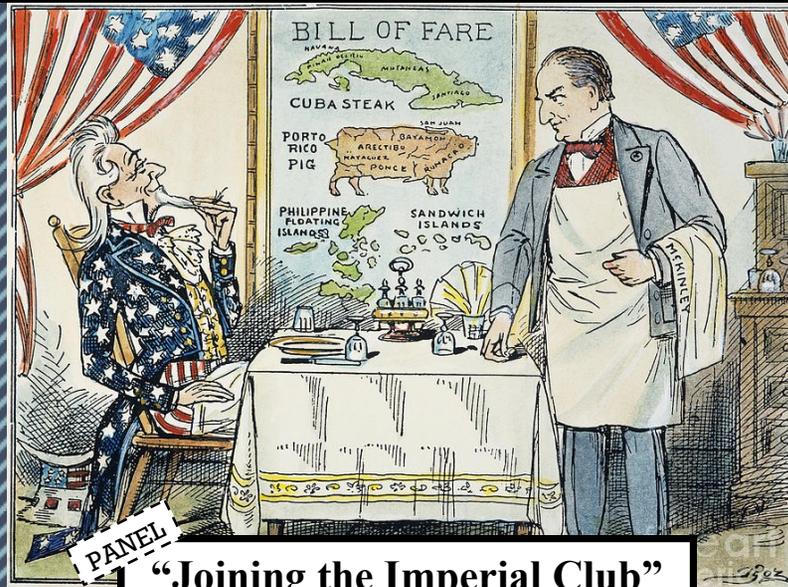
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## “Recasting the Militia”

In what way was the National Guard an improvement from the parade units? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Philippine-American War 1899-1915



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## “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?* \_\_\_\_\_

*When might it have been drawn?* \_\_\_\_\_

*What does the food on the “Bill of Fare” represent?* \_\_\_\_\_

*The man on the right is President McKinley. Who is the man on the left?*

*What does he represent?* \_\_\_\_\_

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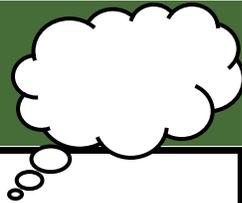
## “Reluctant Belligerent”

What was one reason Wisconsin might have seemed reluctant to join World War I?  
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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?  
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# 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?  
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Look at the artifacts in the exhibit. What do you think they used for entertainment? Why?  
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### Find the interactive Touch Screen and read about Gas Masks.

1. By 1918 how many shells contained a gas agent? \_\_\_\_\_
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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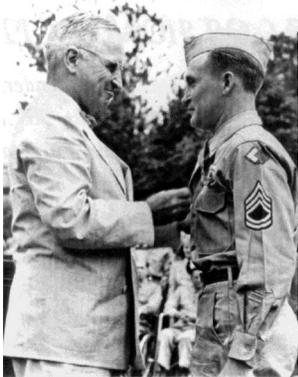


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# "The Medal of Honor"

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.



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# 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.

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

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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?

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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?

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How did the Allied soldiers break the Japanese hold?

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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.

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# 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?

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### 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.

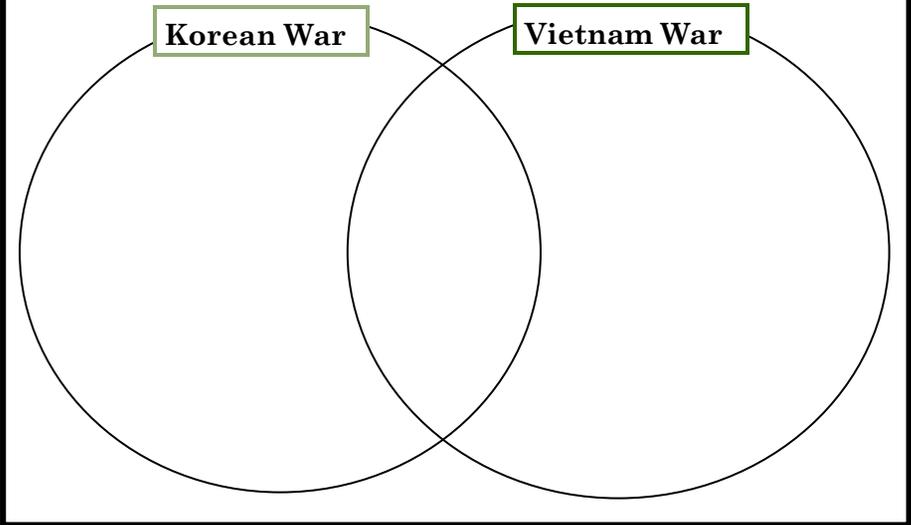
	MiG-15 Fighter Jet	F-86 Sabre Fighter Jet
Country of Origin	Soviet Union	United States
Weight	7,900 lbs.	10,950 lbs.
Max Speed	668 mph	690 mph
Max Range	745 mi.	785 mi.

1. Which jet could travel further before needing to refuel? \_\_\_\_\_
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? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Given the stats above, which side do you think had more victories using jet aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_



# 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)

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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### Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

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

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# 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?

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Draw what you see here:



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