

America in Wartime

Hands-On Activity

Photographic War Journal

Grades: K – 5, 6 - 8

Objectives: Students will learn about the hardships and sacrifices of war in America by researching and choosing photos to write about.

Materials: Computer, printer, photo paper (can use regular printer paper if perforated), photo album or notebook, glue.

Instructions:

- 1) Have student research images related to the American wars (Revolutionary, Civil, WW1, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq). They should try to find a variety of photos representing several wars.
- 2) Students should choose and print the pictures chosen, at least 10, representing the aspects of the war(s) that most speak to them. Pictures should represent a variety of aspects including, loss of life, destruction of cities, monetary cost of war, support on the home front, people working together, and anything else they would like to communicate. These can either be put in a photo album, or pasted on another type of notebook
- 3) For each picture, student should write or type a short description of what is in the photo, the approximate date, location (if known) and why they choose that picture.
- 4) Share and discuss journal with other students or family members.