

Photography as a Primary Source Interactive Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

1. What is a primary source?
2. Look at the first photograph from the Civil War.
 - a. What do you notice first about this picture? What stands out?
 - b. Where do you think this photograph was taken? How can you tell?
 - c. Do you think this was early in the war or closer to the end? Why do you think that?
 - d. Why do you think men on horses are going down the street?
 - e. Why do you think people are out on the street watching this?
 - f. Do you think this is a sad or happy occasion? Explain your answer.
 - g. List one or two things that this picture tells you about the war.
3. Look at the next picture.
 - a. What do you notice first about this picture? What stands out?
 - b. What time of the year do you think it is? How can you tell?
 - c. Where do you think this photograph was taken?

- d. Which army do you think this is? The Union or the Confederate, explain your answer.
 - e. Look closely, what are some tasks the men are doing in this picture?
 - f. Do you think this looks like a good or bad place to live? Why?
 - g. List one or two things that this picture tells you about the war.
4. Look at the next picture
- a. What do you notice first about this picture? What stands out?
 - b. What time of the year do you think is it? How can you tell?
 - c. Do you think these men are from the Union or from the Confederacy? How can you tell?
 - d. What have the men done to the ground?
 - e. Do you think is a place where the soldiers will live like a camp or do you think this is set up for some other reason? Explain your answer.
 - f. List one or two things that this picture tells you about the war.
5. Look at the next picture
- a. What do you notice first about this picture? What stands out?
 - b. Do you think these soldiers are Union or Confederate? What clues help you answer that question?

- c. Where do you think is photograph was taken?
- d. What time of the year is it? How can you tell?
- e. Look closely at the men in the picture. Do you think the soldiers are important? Why or why not?
- f. What do you think was happening the day this picture was taken? Explain your thoughts.
- g. List one or two things that this picture tells you about the war.