Images of War

This web page has been recommended by:

- Cable In The Classroom (Veteran's Day Close-Up)
- PBS (The Power of Pictures: from "Reporting America At War")

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:
From the Civil War to Wars in Iraq and the Mideast, photographic images have played a major role in how we perceive and understand conflicts. On this web site, we offer some of the still photos taken by photographers: some have been published in newspapers and online, some have not. (In addition, you will find resources related to previous wars and more recent conflicts).

As students consider photographs/video, they should keep in mind the following questions:

– who took the images and for what purpose?
– who/what is being shown? who/what is not being shown? why or why not?
– how might the current conflict restrict a photographer?
– are war photographers free to go where they want or are they accompanied by
military personnel?
– how might the "embedding" of news personnel help/restrict our understanding?
– how might a specific photo/video be used to sway public opinion?
– has your local newspaper printed pictures of people injured or killed? If not, why not?

Blog: Teaching Kids to Read They Images They See
Lesson plan: The Impact of Images: Considering the Place of Photojournalism Today
Recommended reading: Media Literacy Skills: Interpreting

Tragedy
Exhibit educator guide: War Photography: Images of Armed Conflict & Its Aftermath

See also: Grisly News Photos; Helping Kids Cope With Images; Images of War Dead; Torture Photos; War Reporting/Resources; Visual Literacy; Is Seeing Believing?

IN THE NEWS: recent news articles
(listed chronologically; other background readings follow below)

- AP Photos: Day 17 Ukraine War
- Reading The Pictures (Twitter Feed)
- Week 2: Russia Invades Ukraine
- Before & After: Devastating Images from Ukraine
- Ukraine War In Images
- In Pictures: The Inside Battle for Ukraine
- How one photograph changed the course of history
- The Delicate Handling of Images of War (Sept. 2013)
- Images of Vietnam War That Defined an Era
- Rare photos from the Vietnam War
- AP Corrects Bataan Death March Photo Caption (March 2010)
- Behind The Scenes: To Publish or Not (Sept 09)
- Few in U.S. See Jazeera's Coverage of Gaza War
- Arab media portray Palestinians as courageous victims
- Israel Puts Media Clamp on Gaza/ Online, Two Pictures of the Israeli Military
- Frustrated reporters locked out of Gaza war zone/Foreign journalists barred from Gaza (Jan. 2009)
- The Painful Images of War (NYT August 2008)
- Hanging of Saddam Hussein: Media Deals With Images (Dec.2006)
- A Chilling Photograph's Hidden History

- Skepticism Rampant Over War 'Fauxtography'
- In Wars, Quest for Media Balance Is Also a Battlefield
- Media Fatique
- Is America watching a different war? (Democracy Now)
- For Photographer, Lebanon a Different Kind of War
- Photos: Lebanon: A Tale of Two Nations
- Object Lessons: Photos That Open our Eyes to War (WP July 2006)
- Video-sharing sites unfiltered images of war to the screen
- Show Me The Bodies (NYT, June 2006)
- Real or fake (National Journal, April 2006)
- Military tightens use of electronic media (Sept.2005)
- Gathering views images of U.S. war dead (Aug. 2005)
- Ethical double standard for war photographs? (July 2005)
- Bosnian video of atrocities shakes families (June 2005)
- Prison Images (of Saddam Hussein) Raise Issues for World Media
- Portrait of War: Unseen photos, untold stories (LA Times May 2005)
- Not a pretty picture: why won't US papers run graphic images (May 2005)
- Readers and journalists discuss the value of graphic images in newspapers. (March 2005)
- Images of War American Journalism Review (Oct/Nov.2004)
- Panel: U.S. newspapers running more tragic photos in wake of 9/11
- Selling War (propaganda exhibit)
- TV images driving public discourse on war (May 2004)

To locate the latest photos: go to http://news.yahoo.com

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Other Sources of Images from the War with Iraq

ABC News Online: War In Iraq Photo Galleries	Guardian Unlimited (UK) Photo Gallery	Reuters
Agence France Presse	Knight Ridder Tribune	Rex Features (UK)
Army Times, Frontline Photos	Lycos War Photographs	Time What You See, What They See Pictures of The Week
Associated Press (see The Day In Photos; Photo Week; Focus On Iraq)	MSNBC	United Press International
The Australian Latest pictures	Nando Times World Photos	US News.com
BBC News Photo Gallery	Newsweek	War Images from The Age (Australia)
CBS Images of War	New York TimesNYTimes News Service	War in Iraq Front Pages (Newseum)

ChannelNewsAsia	NY Daily NewsPix	Washington Post
CNN War In Iraq Photo Gallery	New York Post	World Photos
DefenseLink News Photos	Orlando Sentinel Photo Gallery	World Picture News
Financial Times	Photos from Australia	Yahoo News Photos

Background Readings/Resources:

- American Photography: Photography & War (PBS)
  Lesson: "To Censor or Not To Censor? The Power of War Photos"
  In this lesson students analyze photographs of a particular 20th century war and debate government censorship of photos taken during wartime.
  http://www.pbs.org/ktca/americanphotography/teachersguide/war_parent.html
- Committee to Project Journalists
- Critically Viewing Photographs: Civil War, Lesson Plan
- Digital camera exposes wartime brutality
- Images of War: Combat Photography (1918-1971)
- Images of War (Civil War) Lesson Plan
- Images of War: WWII Posters
- Journalists at War
- LA Times Admits War Photographer Altered Image AP Story
- Military Censorship of War Photographs
- Militia's Other Weapons: Videos
- Pentagon Lets Media See Return of US War Dead (April 2009)
- Photographer fired for taking photos of solider's caskets/controversy
- Photoshopping from the Front Lines

- Photo Wars (Mother Jones, May 2004) Torture Photos
- Shock value: Horror of terrorism playing on home TV screens
- Still Photos Capture The War's Real Deal
- Terrorists' visual warfare uses the media as weapon
- Theatre of Combat (Art News March 2007)
- The Spanish-American war, in Motion Pictures
- Through the Camera's Lens: The Civil War in Photographs (Lesson Plan)
- U.S., media fight battle of images
  White House ban on photographs of slain soldiers questioned by many.
- War on Film (PBS: Art In The 21st Century)
- War Photographer Warns of Censorship, Challenges
- War Photography's Power Page 1 Page 2
- War In Iraq: Coordinates Of Conflict (photographic exhibit)

Links to other war images:

Civil War Images	World War I images	World War II images	Vietnam War images
Spanish Am War imagesThe Spanish Civil War and War Photography in the 1930s	Korean War images	Gulf War images	Georgia/Russian war images (August 2008)

Recommended Texts/Videos

- The Art of War: The Posters of World War II (Elem-Middle School)
- Hollywood Goes to War: How Politics, Profits and

Propaganda Shaped World War II Movies

- Cameras on the Battlefield- Photos of War (Middle School)
- BOLDPRINT Images of War (High School)
- Faces of The Enemy (video)
  (available from California Newsreel)
- Memories of WWII: Photographs from the Archives of the AP
  (2004) ISBN: 0810950138
- Civil War Photographers and Their Work: Portraits of War
  Twenty First Century Books (1998) ISBN: 0-7613-3019-4
- Shooting Under Fire: The World of the War Photographer, Peter Howe,
  Publisher: Arisan Sales; ISBN: 1579652158