

# A HOUSE DIVIDED: CIVIL WAR PHOTOGRAPHY

What can photographs of the Civil War tell us about the conflict and developments in the documentation of war?

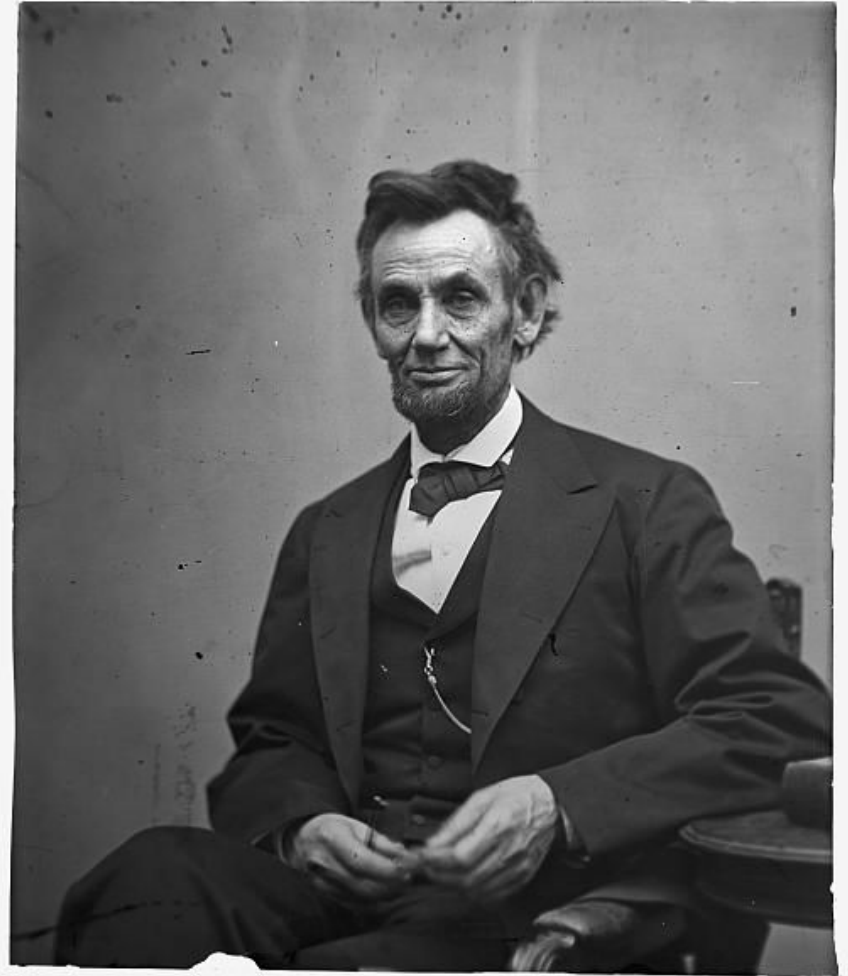
This lesson plan looks at numerous aspects of the Civil War through period photography.

<https://americanart.si.edu/education/k-12/resources/social-studies>



**“How might photographs from the Civil War era, or time period, help to build your knowledge of the Civil War?”**

- Describe what you see in the photograph. □
- What stands out to you or grabs your attention about this photograph? □
- What details do you notice? □
- What would you like to learn about this photograph?



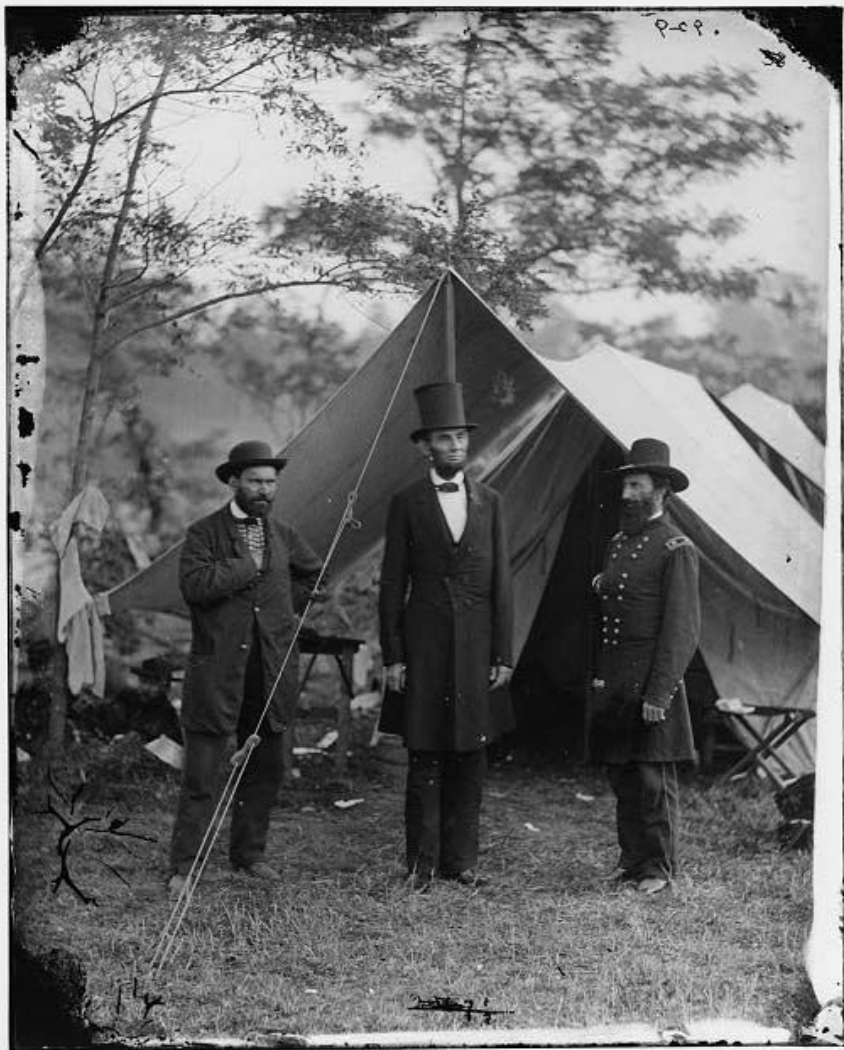
**The **Civil War** impacted soldiers and civilians alike; it divided communities and families, brought people together unexpectedly, disrupted lives, took loved ones away, caused great suffering, but also created opportunities for new beginnings. - Wit & Wisdom [ww.greatminds.org](http://ww.greatminds.org)**

**Although women did not generally fight in the Civil War, many took roles as nurses or contributed their skills and labor in other ways. Those who stayed home dealt with the emotional toll of war.**



Harriet Tubman and other women spies for the Union army

9-29.









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# The Shaw Memorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fYBwkxkm5s>



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#### Resources

Wit & Wisdom, [ww.greatminds.org](http://ww.greatminds.org)

Smithsonian Institute <https://americanart.si.edu/education/k-12/resources/social-studies>

National Gallery of Art [nga.gov](http://nga.gov)