Civil War Eye Spy

Materials

- The photos in this PDF activity
- Pencil, pen, or marker to check off the things that you have found

15-20 minutes

The photos in this activity are from the Civil War, and all have different interesting things going on in them. In this activity, you will try to find all of the items that are listed alongside each of the photos. Can you find them all? Make sure to look closely, and use your observational and counting skills. Good luck!

This photo shows Pvt. Charles Dauffenbach of Company A, 26th Wisconsin. His hometown was Reeseville, Wisconsin, and he volunteered to serve in the Union Army on August 21, 1862, and left the army on June 13, 1865. When Charles joined the army, he had his picture taken at a photo studio while he stood in front of a painted backdrop. How many of the following items can you find in the photo?

4 Tents 1 Belt Buckle
2 Fences 8 Buttons
3 Flags 4 Flowers
1 Cannon 1 Hat
Soldiers, Doctors and Patients Outside a Hospital in Georgetown

1 Bugle
2 Girls
2 Swords
3 Window Shutters

1 Man Wearing a Cape
2 Tassels
1 Man Wearing Glasses
This photograph shows a war meeting of Union generals, known as a “Council of War,” in a field near Massaponax, Virginia, on May 21, 1864. In the foreground General Grant, Commander of all Union forces, bends over a church pew and looks at a large map held in the lap of General George Meade, head of the Army of the Potomac.

A Man Smoking a Pipe
6 Church Pews
5 Wagons

7 Soldiers With Swords
3 Different People Looking at Maps
6 Horses Hitched to Wagons
This photo shows a group of men and women from the United States Sanitary Commission (USSC). The USSC was a private relief agency created to help sick and wounded soldiers of the United States Army during the American Civil War.

4 Stars
1 Wooden Sign
3 Tents
1 Wreath
1 Woman Wearing a Bonnet

1 Wooden Table
1 Long Beard
11 Hats
5 Tent Stakes
The USS Cairo was one of the first American ironclad warships built at the beginning of the U.S. Civil War. The Cairo moved up and down the Mississippi River and connecting shallow waterways, attacking Confederate shore batteries and forts. On December 12, 1862, the Cairo hit two Confederate torpedoes near Vicksburg, Mississippi and sunk.

- 8 Smoke Stacks
- 1 American Flag
- 7 Cannons
- 1 Boat on the River
- 3 Row Boats
- 1 Tent
- 1 Ladder
A Map of Missouri
1 Canteen
11 Cannon Balls
4 Muskets
1 Ironclad Gunboat

Quill Pen
An Eagle with its Wings Spread
2 Smoke Stacks
4 Bayonets
1 Revolver