

War at Home: The Civilian Side

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Lesson 7—Analyzing the past and present

1. After an in-depth look at what types of supports civilians needed during the Civil War, have students brainstorm in their journal the types of services/ programs they would create to meet those needs.
2. Students will watch the following clips portraying some of the hardships and needs that soldiers and their families face today:
 - http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18096143/ns/nightly_news_with_brian_williams-on_the_line/
 - <http://www.mylifetime.com/shows/army-wives/extras/season-1/video/jasmine-32>
3. Have students make a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting what civilians needed during the Civil War era, and what it they need now.