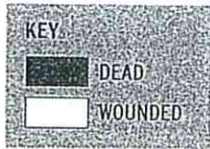


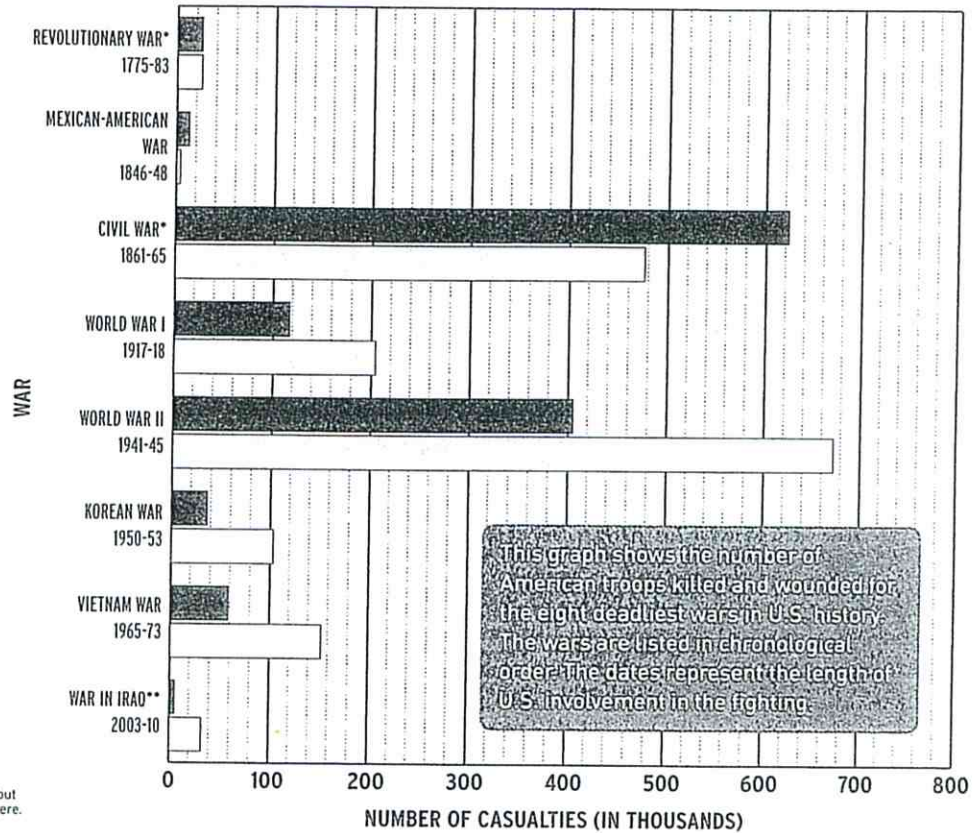
AMERICA'S DEADLIEST WARS

The Civil War was full of surprises, not the least of which was the length and ferocity of the conflict (see article, p. 12). In the end, more Americans died in that war than in any other before or since. The graph at right shows the eight wars that exacted the heaviest toll on American lives. The tally of the dead includes victims of accidents and disease, as well as those killed by the enemy on the battlefield.



Because of incomplete records, Revolutionary and Civil War figures are estimates.

The U.S. suspended major combat operations in Iraq in 2010, but casualties have continued among U.S. troops still stationed there.



SOURCES: U.S. NAVY DEPARTMENT LIBRARY; PBS

ANALYZE THE GRAPH

- 1 For how many wars did the total number of American dead and wounded exceed 1 million?
 - a 1
 - b 2
 - c 4
 - d 5
- 2 About 360,000 Union soldiers died in the Civil War. About how many Confederate soldiers died?
 - a 600,000
 - b 450,000
 - c 260,000
 - d 140,000
- 3 About 210,000 deaths in the Civil War were battle deaths. The number of troop deaths from other causes was _____.
 - a half that
 - b twice that
 - c three times that
 - d the same
- 4 In which wars has the number of American dead equaled or exceeded the number of wounded?
 - a most wars on foreign soil
 - b all 20th-century wars
 - c America's earliest wars
 - d the majority of wars listed on this graph
- 5 You can infer that _____.
 - a more Americans died in the war in Iraq than have died in the war in Afghanistan.
 - b no troops died in the war of 1812
 - c fewer Americans served in the Civil War than in World War II
 - d longer wars always involve more casualties

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS