

Assessing with Primary Sources

Grade Level: 3

Standard(s) or Objectives: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.2: Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.6: Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

Library of Congress Resources:



Vojtech Preissig, *That arm – your country needs it*, 1918.

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2002719428/>

Topic Background:

The decades between the close of the Civil War and the beginning of World War II were a time of profound social turmoil in the United States. While baseball as a sport was becoming tremendously popular around the still-young nation, Americans experienced the sport in various ways reflecting their social and ethnic backgrounds.

Excerpted from:

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/baseball/pdf/teacher_guide.pdf

Source(s) Used:

The source used for this assessment is an advertisement for the U.S. military during World War I. It was created by Vojtech Preissig in 1918.

Answer Key:

Question 1: A

Question 2: D

Directions: Look at the image below and answer the questions that follow.

Baseball

That arm – your country needs it (art by Vojtech Preissig)



Question 1: What would you best argue as the main idea presented by this advertisement? (CCSS.RI.3.2)

- A. Men in the US should consider using their strength to help protect the country.
- B. Men in the US should consider playing more baseball, mostly in time of war.
- C. Men as baseball players in the US should consider wearing military uniforms.
- D. Men in the US should know that the country relies on how they play baseball.

Question 2: Which of the statements below would you argue that it **does NOT** support the following claim? (CCSS.RI.3.6)

Claim: All men should play baseball to help their country.

- A. There is a baseball in the picture.
- B. Baseball is a good sport for everyone.
- C. The man is throwing a baseball.
- D. That arm, your country needs it.