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Interpreting Statistics: War Deaths

Directions: Study the following table and then answer the questions below.

The Carnage of War: 1776-1972

War	Census	Total Population (in millions)	Total War Deaths	Deaths per 100,000 Population
Revolutionary War	1780 (ext.)	2.8	4,044	144
War of 1812	1810	7.2	2,200	31
Mexican War	1850	23.2	13,270	57
Civil War	1860	31.4	618,000	1,967
Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection	1900	76.0	9,700	13
World War I	1920	105.7	115,000	109
World War II	1940	131.7	318,000	241
Korean War	1950	150.7	33,000	22
Vietnam War	1970	203.2	56,227	28

1. In which war did the greatest *total* number of Americans die?

2. In which war did the greatest number of Americans per 100,000 population die?

3. In which war did the greater number of Americans die - the Revolutionary War or World War I?

4. Why was the Revolutionary War more devastating in terms in terms of lives lost than World War I?

5. Why do you think the Civil War was more devastating than any other war?

