Conditions in the Civil War: Cause and Effect Chain

Instructions: Respond to the following questions based on what you know about the conditions and experiences of the U.S. Civil War soldiers, especially those who were wounded and disabled, from the “Life and Limb” exhibition. As a group, organize your responses in a ‘cause and effect chain’ chart on another piece of paper.

1. What were some conditions that the Civil War soldiers faced?

2. How did some of those conditions shape soldiers’ experiences?

3. How did recovery outcomes of wounded soldiers dictate the soldiers’ future during the war?

4. How did the Americans’ desire to put the war behind them affect the attitudes toward and experiences of the disabled Civil War veterans?