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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the images while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

1. What are these?
2. What is different about these than ordinary playing cards?

Level II: Interpretation

1. Why would they make cards with military airplanes on them?
2. Who do you think would buy these cards?
3. When do you think these cards were sold?

Level III: Analysis

1. What does this item tell you about this period of history in the United States?
2. The U.S. military is fighting overseas today. Is there a product like this for the conflicts we are in today?
3. Why would it be more difficult to make cards like this for current conflicts?
World War II Aircraft Spotter Cards

Everyone could be part of the Civil Defense effort while playing card games by learning and memorizing the shape of both friendly and enemy aircraft.
American aircraft

American aircraft pictured on the above spotter cards:

*Boeing B-17E Flying Fortress,*

The image at left lists WWII American War Planes
British aircraft

*Short Sterling, Armstrong Sunderland and Whitley, Martin Baltimore, Lockheed Hudson, Bristol Beaufort and Blenheim, Vickers-Armstrong Wellington, Supermarine Spitfire, Hawker Hurricane, North American Mustang, Fairey Battle and Swordfish*
Also view [British Aircraft Recognition Cards](http://www.ameshistory.org/exhibits/events/aircraft_spotting_cards.htm) with silhouettes and real photos.
German aircraft

Japanese aircraft

Type O Fighter, 97 Mitsubishi H & 96 Mitsubishi H & 98 Mitsubishi Mitsu 104 & Mitsubishi Reconnaissance, Fiat BR-20 H, 97 Kawasaki Flying Boat & 97 Kawasaki L Bomber & 97 Kawasaki Kawa 95, 97 Dive Bomber, Aichi Ai-104, 98 Fighter Pursuit, 97 Nakajima Pursuit

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