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Example for an overhead transparency for worksheet 2: **Suffering of the war cripples**

Gists from the information text:

- Ten Million soldiers died in World War I
- Severely wounded: Twenty million men permanently disabled: eight million soldiers
 - → In the German Reich 1,5 Million men returned home as war cripples
- Weapons were built to wound the soldiers
- Medical advance in interventions and surgical techniques made it possible to save more hard-wounded soldiers from death
- When the war cripples returned home, they had to deal with their new situation

Picture of a war invalid while working:

The photos seem to be contrived. A trouble-free continuation of their learned work wasn't easy after the war.

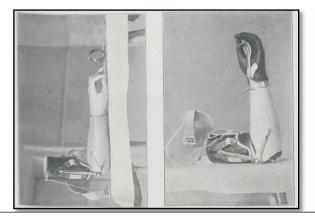




Image Q3: artificial limb for amputation in the forearm

ImageQ4: war cripple with artificial arm

Important keywords for exercise 2:

- worthless
- as a burden for their familiy and for their fatherland
- unable to work
- they feel betrayed from their fatherland, because they weren't hailed as heroes as the government propagandized before World War I

Image Q3: HSTAS: M 1/8 Bü 256. Sippel, Fritz: Wie verhelfen wir den Kriegsverstümmelten durch Ersatzglieder wieder zur Arbeitsfähigkeit und zum Eintritt in das bürgerliche Berufsleben? Stuttgart 1915. P. 37. Image Q4: Ibit.