Worksheet 12.2
Photography and the Spanish Civil War

Please view this photo essay on the Spanish Civil War.

Look through the photographs and ask yourself:

1. Are photographs necessarily more objective than propaganda posters?
2. Which photographs do you feel convey important truths about the Spanish Civil War?
3. What can historians take from such photographs?

Also, look at the very famous photograph by Robert Capa, ‘A Republican militiaman meets his death’. The story of this photograph is not as straightforward as it looks. Do some research into its background, and see how your research might change/expand your answers to the questions above.