

Examining the G.I. Bill Key

1. Why did the government want to help returning American servicemen from World War II? Because some men who came back from World War I had trouble finding a job and couldn't afford to go back to school.
2. According to the film, what were returning veterans worried about? They were worried about finding a job and getting a home.
3. Besides going to school, what other money could veterans get from the G.I. bill? They could get weekly payments to help them pay living costs for up to a year depending on their length of service.
4. How does getting help with a down payment and interest rate help a veteran buy a house? Without this, the veteran might have to save ten years or so in order to be able to afford the down payment.
5. Look at the photographs of the class and the man playing with his daughters. What do you notice about the ages of the men in the photographs? They are older than most college or technical class students who would normally attend school right after high school. These men instead went to war for four years.
6. Read the caption under the Benjamin Hooks photograph. Why was getting the G.I. Bill important to him? He was able to go to college and get a law degree. Later he became the first African American judge appointed in Tennessee since Reconstruction times.
7. At the end of the film, the narrator says that the G.I. Bill is not a reward, handout or gravy train. Why did he say that? People don't like to think they are getting government money for free that they didn't do anything for. Veterans were told they earned the G.I. Bill funds because of their service to the country.