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# Design a Monument

Monuments are buildings, statues, or other structures that are designed and built to remember and pay respect to an important person or event. For example, a statue of Martin Luther King, Jr. was built in Washington, D.C. to honor his role in the civil rights movement. Today, you will imagine you are in charge of creating a monument that honors a person or event that took place during WWI. It is your job to design a monument and write an explanation about why the person or event that you chose is important enough to be honored with a monument. Follow the steps below to plan your monument.

## Step 1: Choose an event or person that your monument will honor

Monuments are created to honor a person or to remember an important event that has happened in history. Choose a person or event from WWI to honor with a monument.

- My monument will honor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 2: Explain why you are creating a monument

Monuments are created for a many reasons. Look at the list below. Circle the reason that best describes why you are creating your monument.

- **To teach others about an important historical event**
  - Monuments have been built in order to make sure that an important event from the past is remembered. For example, there is a memorial in Boston, Massachusetts marking the location of the Boston Massacre.
- **To teach others about a person or group of people from the past and their accomplishments**
  - Monuments have been built to honor specific people or groups of people who have made a difference in the world. For example, Richmond, California is home to a memorial that honors women who worked supporting the United States' effort during World War II.
- **To honor people who have passed away**
  - Monuments are built to honor those who died at war. For example, Washington, D.C. has memorials to soldiers that died in the Civil War, both World Wars, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.
- **To inspire others**
  - Monuments are built to inspire people. For example, the Statue of Liberty has become a symbol for freedom. Another example is the Imagine Peace Tower in Iceland. It is a symbol for world peace.

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### Step 3: Choose a type of monument

There are many different types of monuments. Look at the examples below. Then, choose which type of monument you want to design.

#### Building:

- When buildings are used as monuments, they have features that show people that they are important. For example, monument buildings might have fancy columns or stone carvings outside. The design of memorial buildings are also symbolic. For example, there are 36 columns on the Lincoln memorial because there were 36 states in the union when Lincoln died.



#### Statue:

- A statue is a monument that honors a person. A statue is a realistic sculpture of the person that is being honored. It also contains a description or informational plaque about the person.



#### Fountain:

- Fountains contain shapes and carvings that are symbolic. For example, Chicago's Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain was placed on the shore of Lake Michigan and has 4 water horses to represent the 4 states that border the lake.



#### War Memorial

- War memorials include information about the war that was fought. It can also include names or pictures of people that died in the war.



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**Step 4: Plan your Memorial**

Draw what your memorial will look like in the space below. Your memorial must meet the following requirements:

- Must include at least one piece of symbolism (i.e., an American Flag to represent America, a scroll to represent an important document that was signed)
- Must be visually interesting to look at from all sides
- Must be drawn from both the front and the back perspective
- Must include information about the size of the monument (i.e., width, height, etc.)

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