**Honoring War Heroes**

**Class Time:**35 minutes

**Task:** Investigating the various ways nations honor their war casualties

**Purpose:** To appreciate how people keep alive the legacy of war

**Introduction:** Throughout history, people around the world have shared in a somber, healing ritual: honoring soldiers killed in battle. In many nations, people come together to honor those citizens who fought and died for their country. After World War I, France built a ceremonial grave to honor all of its soldiers killed in the great conflict. Other nations have paid respects to their dead soldiers with medals, monuments, and parades.

Many nations, including France, the United States, Great Britain, Belgium, and Italy, have created memorials to unidentified war dead, often called the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other memorials include statues, towers, such as Trajan’s Column honoring the Roman emperor Trajan’s victory over Dacia in A.D. 113, and other structures, such as the wall in Washington, D.C., honoring those who died or were missing in action during the Vietnam War.

**Directions:** Use the table below to describe war memorials from around the world. You will need at least 6 and cannot use the ones listed above. You can focus on WWI or move to other conflicts. Everything must fit on a single page.

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