



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Memorial Day

- **What is the central purpose of Memorial Day, and how is this purpose achieved?**
 - ⇒ Consider the term “memorial”, and who it is that is being remembered (i.e. soldiers who died defending our country), and what makes those people special
 - ⇒ Consider how wars are an inescapable part of the nation’s history, and how that history would be different without brave men and women willing to fight for the country during these times
 - ⇒ Consider ways that fallen soldiers are honored on Memorial Day—parades, speeches, fireworks, memorials, etc.
- **What are important factors to consider when creating a memorial to honor soldiers who have given their lives to defend the country?**
 - ⇒ Consider the key message of the memorial... for example, is it to celebrate a victory in a war, or to proudly honor those who died on the battlefield, or to mourn lives that were lost (each is a very different message)
 - ⇒ Consider the logistics of a memorial, such as size, access, durability, and potential costs
- **What type of memorial would be best suited for your town to honor those who have served in the military?**
 - ⇒ Consider common types of memorials seen in town’s across the United States (i.e. statues, gardens, fountains, murals, artwork, etc.)
 - ⇒ Consider limitations that will guide the design of the memorial (such as location, cost, safety, longevity, etc.)
 - ⇒ Consider the central message of the memorial, and how the design must reflect that message in the most practical and appropriate way