



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Honoring Our Veterans

- **What is the central purpose of Veterans Day, and how is this purpose achieved?**

- ⇒ Consider the term “veteran” (i.e. someone who has defended the nation in a war), 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 veterans are honored on Veterans Day—parades, speeches, fireworks, memorials, etc.

- **What are important factors to consider when creating a memorial to honor Americans who have served in a war?**

- ⇒ Consider the key message of the memorial... for example, is it to celebrate a victory in a war, or to honor those who bravely fought, 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