

Activity sheet: Looking at a war memorial



War Memorials Trust

On this sheet you will learn:

- To accurately record information about a war memorial during a site visit

Use the table below to record information and your thoughts about the war memorial. This can be used to compare war memorials if you visit more than one. The bullet points provide some additional guidance about things to look for to help you answer the questions.

Memorial name and location <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remember the location of a war memorial can be significant to the community so describe this clearly for future reference.	
Who or what does the memorial commemorate? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are names included? How many?• Are they people who were killed in the war or also those who served?• Are the names all men or are women and/or children commemorated?	
Description of the war memorial. Remember to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what type of war memorial it is• what it is made from• what images or features does it have?	
What are the inscriptions on the war memorial? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there a list of names?• Is the lettering incised, carved, raised, painted or leaded?	
What information about those commemorated does the memorial give?	
Is the memorial accessible to the public? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the memorial in an open space or locked?• Does the location make access easy and safe?	
What condition is the memorial in? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do the materials look in a good state of repair or are there cracks, stains, corrosion or missing elements?• Are the inscriptions legible? If not what is causing this? (E.g. pollution deposits, erosion)• Is the surrounding area well maintained?• Is the memorial structurally stable?	