

# War Memorials Trust's ideas for the Culture Badge



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On this sheet you will learn:

- How you could use a war memorial project to help you complete some of the requirements of the Culture Badge.

## Requirements

For this badge you must complete **five** clauses from a list. At least two of these must come from the 'Local' section, some of which you might be able to complete with a war memorial project.

**1. Visit a place of historical interest, such as a museum, famous building or archaeological site, with your Patrol. Make a presentation about your visit to the rest of the unit.**

- You could visit a local war memorial. There might be more than one so you could **compare** different ones.
- War Memorials Trust's activity and information sheets and project suggestions will give you ideas of what to **look** for during your visit. Visit [www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/general/11-18](http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/youth-groups/general/11-18). You could focus on the **design** and the **location** of the memorial, find out more about the **people** named on the it or record its **condition**. If there are lots of you in your Patrol you can find out about a different aspect of the memorial each.
- You could consider how your unit can help **look after** the war memorial. Many war memorials need maintenance to ensure that their role as a link to past events is maintained. There are various ways in which you could help with this. Find out more by looking at the project suggestions on our website.

**2. With your Patrol, make up a local neighbourhood trail, with a quiz or scavenger hunt, for the other Patrols in your unit.**

- This is something you could include a

local war memorial in, alongside other elements of your local area.

- You and your Patrol will need to visit local **landmarks**, including the war memorial, which will form part of the quiz or trail. You will then need to ensure that your trail or quiz contains **questions** and activities that help other Patrols in your unit **discover** more about the war memorial. This could include questions about what **type** of memorial it is, what **inscriptions** it has and the memorial's history (which they may need to do research to be able to answer).

**3. Interview a member of your community who can tell you about life in your area. Record the interview on tape or video.**

- This could include finding out about a war memorial.
- You might be able to find out historical **information** about it or the **people** commemorated on it. Although the First World War is now virtually beyond living memory, **descendants** of the fallen may still live locally and might be able to tell you about them and what their life was like. If the memorial is a more recent creation, you might find out about when it was **unveiled** and the local people that were involved at that time.
- **Always** discuss your plans for an interview with your unit leader so that they know who you are planning to speak to and if necessary can help you approach someone appropriate.

## Summary

- You might be able to complete part of your Culture badge by finding out about a local war memorial and teaching the rest of your Patrol about it.