

Activity sheet: Looking at a war memorial



War Memorials Trust

This sheet can be used during a **visit** to a war memorial to help you find and **record** key **information** that you might use in research.

When you visit a war memorial look at the **whole** thing and look for anything that might tell you **information** about it and the people it **commemorates**.

This table will help you with what to **look** for and with **understanding** the things you see. Write your answers and any notes in the spaces.

Memorial name and location <ul style="list-style-type: none">The location of a war memorial can be significant to the community so describe this clearly for future reference.	
Who and what does it remember? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Service personnel or civilians (or both)?Which wars?Does it remember only those who died or those that served and returned as well?	
Describe the memorial: <ul style="list-style-type: none">What type is it? (our learning website Gallery has examples of each type to help you)What it is made fromIts images and features (pictures or symbols, different parts of the memorial etc).	
What writing is on the war memorial? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is there a list of names?Is there a dedication inscription?Is the lettering incised, carved, raised, painted or leaded?	
What information is there about the people named?	
Is the memorial accessible? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is it in an open space or locked?Is the location easy and safe to get to?	
What condition is the memorial in? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Are the materials good or are there cracks, stains, corrosion or missing parts?Can you read the writing? If not why not?Is the surrounding area looked after?Is the memorial structurally stable?	
Use this space to record any further information about the memorial that you find out during your visit or to make any additional notes. You could also sketch the war memorial on the back of this sheet, or take photos of it.	