

What is the purpose of a War Memorial in our local community?

This lesson has been piloted with a Year 3 class but can be adapted as necessary to fit other age groups.

Activity title:	What is the purpose of a war memorial?
Curriculum subject or area:	History, Geography (mapping of memorials in the local area)
NC objectives:	History (2013) - KS2 1b, 2a, 2c, 3, 4a, 4b, 5b, 7 History (2014) - local history study, historical questions Geography (2013) - KS2 2c,d Geography (2014) - name and locate geographical regions in the UK
Main learning objective:	To find out more about the significance of war memorials to the local community

Timing	Lesson plan ideas, activities and resource sheets needed
INTRODUCTION 5 - 10 minutes	Recap visit to war memorial (see What can we learn from our local War Memorial lesson). What did children notice and what did they learn from the visit?
MAIN ACTIVITY 20- 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the purpose of war memorials. • Use the Different types of War Memorials Powerpoint slide to show pictures of each type of memorial and discuss each one in turn (pictures can be adapted so that memorials in the local area can be shown). • Children can use maps of the local area to look at the places where the war memorials are situated. • What do they have in common? • Where are they situated (church, village green, etc.)? • Why are they located in these places? • Explain how to complete the accompanying worksheet Understand the importance of our local war memorial

	<p>(photo needs to be changed so it shows names on local war memorial).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More able children can complete the extension task on page 2.
<p>PLENARY 5 - 10 minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit learning objective. • What do children now know about war memorials that they didn't know before?

Suggested extension activities or cross curricular links:

- Art - sketch different types of war memorials
- ICT - produce your own Powerpoint presentation showing the different types of war memorials
- Geography - map locations of war memorials in your local area
- Science - find out about the materials used to construct war memorials. Why would they be good choices?