

# The Things We Keep Worksheet

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While memories are always with you in your mind, many feel that objects help us to remember the people who have gone. Some people are remembered only by family and friends; others are remembered at a local community level; while others are remembered nationally and worldwide. This worksheet will help us think about the ways we memorialize the major figures in our history.

When should a person be remembered nationally? What qualifies them to be remembered by a whole nation?

What types of artifacts are important to us to hold onto to remember these national figures?

Type of object	Why is it important to keep this object?

Who should keep these artifacts? Should it be the individual who found it, descendants of the family, or museums? Explain why you believe your answer to be correct.

People build monuments to memorialize important figures who have contributed to a collective American history. What features do you think a monument should have? Where should it be? What symbols, if any, should it contain? Who decides what the monument should look like? Can anyone build a monument? Brainstorm below:

Qualities of Monuments	Why is this important?