

## The Memorials *Reporting*

- **Reporting** = to give an account of something that happened.
- Start with a strong topic sentence and stick to the facts.
- Tells *who, what, where, when, why, and how*.
- Use your senses to observe (sound, sight, taste, smell, touch).

The **Tomb of the Unknowns** is a memorial to all soldiers lost in war whose identity remains unknown. Each year the American president visits the graves, lays a memorial wreath, and gives a speech at the cemetery's amphitheater.



**Essay #1:** As a reporter at the scene, give an account of the annual ceremony.  
(16-20 sentences)

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The **Liberty Memorial** in Kansas City, MO is a National Historic Landmark, representing the effort and sacrifice of World War I American soldiers. About 1,000,000 American troops fought in WWI (1917-1918), with 117,000 Americans killed and 204,000 wounded.

**Essay #2:** As a visitor to the memorial and museum, describe the experience.  
(16-20 sentences)

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The **World War II Memorial** in Washington, DC is a reflecting pool surrounded by 56 large, stone pillars representing America's states and territories. Scenes of the war experience (1941-45) are etched into the stones. Thousands of visitors pay tribute to the memorial every day.



**Essay #3:** As an observer watching from a nearby bench, report how people come and go through the memorial. (16-20 sentences)

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The **Korean War Memorial** in Washington, DC depicts a scene of soldier statues on patrol. The memorial honors war veterans (1950-53) who defended South Korea from communist North Korea. The American loss included 54,200 killed; 103,200 wounded; and 8,200 missing.

**Essay #4:** On a quiet summer morning before sunrise and with no one around, relate the tranquility of the memorial. (12-16 sentences)

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The **Vietnam War Memorial** in Washington, DC is a black granite wall with the names of 58,307 killed Americans inscribed on it. For 12 years (1961-73), the American military defended South Vietnam from communist North Vietnam.

**Essay #5:** What makes the Vietnam and other memorials special sites? Why should all Americans visit these memorials? (16-20 sentences)

