

Monumental Influence:

Honoring our Heroes

Imagine that a wealthy organization is planning to fund the building of a monument or memorial to honor a person who has made the world a better place. You want to submit a proposal in hopes your ideas will be made into a real monument! Your task is to design a monument or memorial to represent the contributions made to society by a hero of your choice. You will create a model of your monument and write about why your chosen person deserves to be honored.

To begin with, think about these questions: ***Why was this person important? How did he or she make a difference? What did s/he do that is worth remembering and telling others about?***

Now, decide how you will represent this. Your memorial could take many forms: a statue, a sculpture, a painting or mural, a quilt, a park, a stadium ... there are lots of possibilities! Be creative!

Your project will have two components: written and visual. The written part will describe the memorial and explain how different details about the memorial represent the life and contributions of the person it was designed for. You should write this paragraph as if the reader knows nothing about the person. Pretend you are designing a pamphlet that would explain the memorial to anyone who came to view it. The visual part will be a model that gives an idea what the memorial would look like. Your model will be made of craft materials like clay, cardboard, construction paper, Styrofoam, paint, and toothpicks. Your written plan will explain what the actual monument would be made of if it was really built.

Your written component should:

- ❑ Describe the **form of the memorial** and why
Example: Sculpture, mural, quilt, park
- ❑ Explain what **material the memorial is made of** and why
Could be made of stone, glass, silver, cloth, etc.
- ❑ Tell **where the memorial is located** and why
Example: located in Atlanta, Georgia, because that is where the person was born and grew up
- ❑ Describe **parts of the memorial that symbolize**, or stand for, something important in the person's life
- ❑ Sum up **why this person's life made/makes a difference** by answering these questions: ***Why does this person deserve a memorial? What makes him/her worth remembering?***
- ❑ Focus on the traits of **ideas & content** and **conventions**
- ❑ Be **neat** and **easy to read**

Your visual component should:

- ❑ Be **neat** and **appealing to the eye** and show good **effort**
- ❑ **Help the reader understand** your written description
- ❑ **Provide "at a glance" information** about your hero.

Monumental Influence Grading Rubric

<i>Written component</i>

Ideas & Content— Description of:	Pts Possible	Pts Earned
◆ Form of memorial	5	_____
◆ Material it is made of	5	_____
◆ Memorial location	5	_____
◆ Symbols of memorial	10	_____
◆ Summary of why this person made a difference	15	_____
◇ Conventions *spelling, capitalization, punctuation	10	_____
TOTAL	50	_____

<i>Visual Component</i>

	Pts Possible	Pts Earned
⇒ Neat, effort shown and pleasing to the eye	5	_____
⇒ Helps the reader understand your written description	5	_____
⇒ Just looking at your memorial makes it clear what your hero was about and what s/he stood for	5	_____
TOTAL	15	_____

Extra credit for extra effort