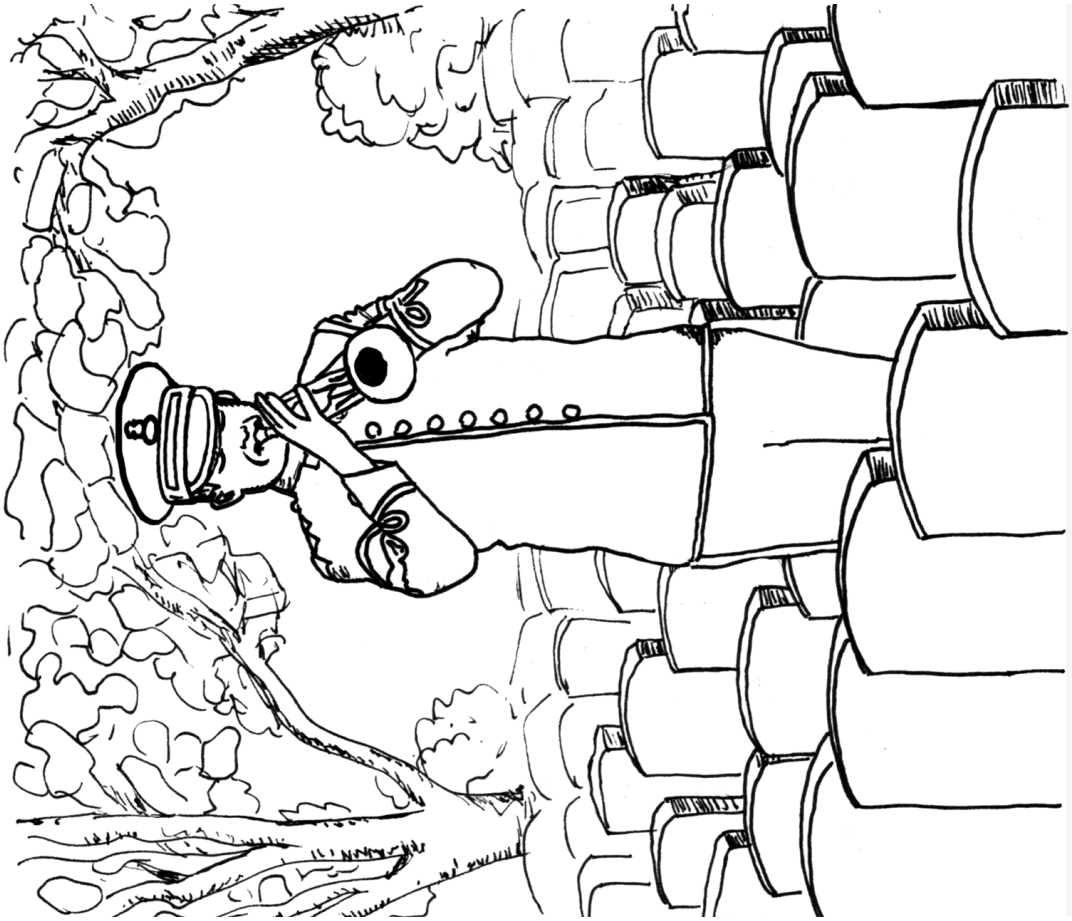
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

EDUCATION SERIES

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PACKET



Arlington National Cemetery is over 150 years old. It was created during the Civil War. Since the Civil War, service members from every war have been buried here. As you walk around the cemetery, notice the birth and death dates on the headstones and plot them on the timeline below.

Someone <u>born</u> between 1900 and 1950?

Name: _____

Birth year: _____

Death year: _____

Someone who <u>died</u> after 1960?

Name: _____

Birth year: _____

Death year: _____

1864 | 1900 | 1940 | 1980 | 2021

Someone <u>born</u> before ANC was created (before 1864)?

Name: _____

Birth year: _____

Death year: _____

Someone who <u>died</u> during World War II (1941-1945)?

Name: _____

Birth year: _____

Death year: _____

Dates of U.S. Involvement in Major Wars

Civil War (1861-1865) **Spanish- American War** (1898) **World War I** (1918-1919) **World War II** (1941-1945)

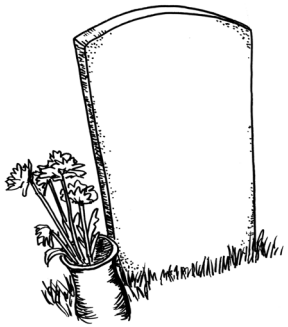
Korean War (1950-1953) **Vietnam War** (1964-1975) **Gulf War** (1990-1991) **War in Afghanistan** (2001-2021) **War in Iraq** (2003-2011)

How Do We Remember People?

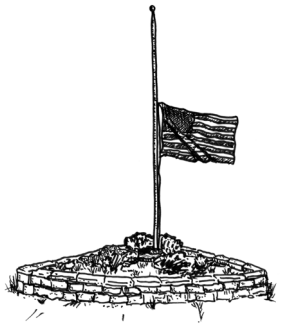
To "commemorate" means to remember
and show respect for someone by doing something.
Color in the different signs of commemoration you see.

People standing or sitting by a grave

Funeral ceremony

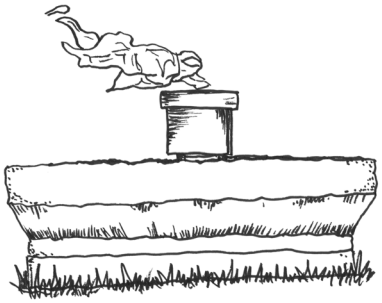


Flowers left at a grave



American flag at half staff

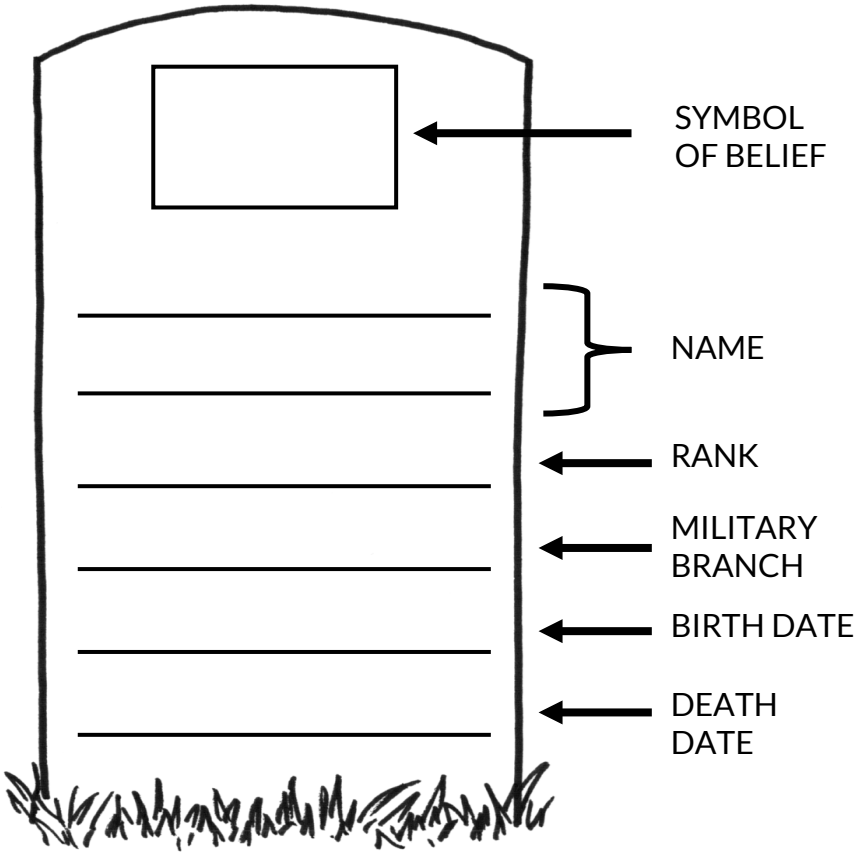
Guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



An eternal flame

What Can We Learn from a Headstone?

The information on a headstone tells you about the person buried there. Find a headstone and fill in the empty spaces below with the information on the headstone.



- What do you know about this person?
- Is there any other information on the headstone?
  What does it tell you?
- What do you <u>not</u> know?
- What can you <u>imagine</u> about this person?