



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PACKETS: TIPS & ANSWERS

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What Can We Learn from a Headstone?

- Not every headstone at ANC matches this format. This is the format for government-provided headstones. The format for these headstones has also changed over time. Some contain additional information, such as medals that the person earned ("PH" for Purple Heart or "DFC" for Distinguished Flying Cross) or an inscription like "Loving husband and father."
- What do you not know? There are many ways to answer this question. Some things you do not know about someone based on their headstone:
 - Their hobbies
 - Favorite color/food/school subject
 - Whether they had siblings
 - Who their friends were
 - Why they joined the military
 - What they looked like

Fill in the Timeline:

- Check the older sections of the cemetery (those near Arlington House) for people buried before 1864. Some options include:
 - Section 2, Grave 4801 – [Hugh Auld](#) (1813-1935)
 - Section 1, Grave 314-A – [William Russell](#) (1793-1943)
 - Section 2, Grave S-3 – [Pierre Charles L'Enfant](#) (1825-1909)
 - Section 15, Grave 2 – [James Parks](#) (1843-1929)
- Check Section 12 for service members who died during World War II. Some options include:
 - Section 12, Grave 384 – [John Basilone](#) (1916-1945)
 - Section 12, Graves 5124 and 5125, [Raito and Wataru Nakashima](#) (1925-1945 and 1923-1946)
 - Section 12, Grave 7179 – [Michael Strank](#) (1919-1945)
- Download the ANC Explorer app to locate a particular headstone:
<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Find-a-Grave>