

New Hampshire in the Civil War Lesson Plan

Discovering New Hampshire Civil War Memorials

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Topic: Discovering Local Civil War Memorials

Level: Middle School and High School

ABSTRACT / SUMMARY

Many memorials, graves, and statues in the state commemorate the Civil War, yet we often walk right by without noticing. In this lesson, local Civil War memorials will be identified, researched, and documented. In-class discussion will consider what meanings and information the memorials are meant to convey.

QUESTIONS / TASKS

What local memorials and markers commemorate the Civil War? As historical evidence, what do they tell us?

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Use primary and secondary sources to answer research questions
- Learn the meaning and stories behind New Hampshire's Civil War memorials
- Explore how people expressed grief and loss in the aftermath of the Civil War

SEQUENCE OF ACTIVITIES

1. Discuss in class how we remember those who have passed on. How have you memorialized a pet or person you have lost? What do people do to remember or honor those who have died?
2. Examine local statues and monuments to identify which commemorate the Civil War. Also explore local graveyards to find markers for those who served in the Civil War.
3. For at least one of these, make sketches or photographs of the monument from several angles.
4. Using your images, note details of the monument and research what they mean. Does the memorial seem to glorify or celebrate specific values? How do you feel when you look at this memorial? Research who erected the monument or gravestone, when it was erected, who the people are who are named on it, and any other background information you can find. (Try looking at local newspapers from the time or local history texts or pamphlets.)
5. Write a summary of what you have discovered.
6. Ask local historians for help interpreting what you have found.
7. In class, discuss why communities build memorials, who in communities build memorials, and what the memorials mean.

ASSESSMENTS

Each student will identify at least one local Civil War monument or grave by name, write a detailed description of it, make an attempt to explain the significance of the memorial or grave's design and features, and discuss the reasons communities erect memorials.

PROJECT DURIATION

In-Class Time (estimated): 3 class periods

Out-of-Class Time (estimated): 3 hours

RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Archive and Special Collections

Asa Bartlett Papers, 1860–1907	1900.030
Charles Woodward, 1867	1970.004 (O)
Committee to Erect a Monument to New Hampshire Soldiers and Sailors of the War of Rebellion, 1891–1892	2002.048 (m)
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The Soldiers Memorial, 1893	S 1998.527.26
Soldiers Memorial, 1892	S 1998.527.44

Photograph Collection

Note: The photograph collection contains black and white photographs of monuments and memorials throughout New Hampshire. These photographs are dispersed throughout the collection and are located in the folders of the towns in which the memorials are located.

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