

This question set is meant to help you understand the text and its main idea. The main idea is the text's big idea. These are the kinds of questions you should be thinking about when you read a text. With practice, you will be able to ask yourself these kinds of questions without the help of these question sets.

A Guide to the ReadWorks Question Set (1st Grade)

What Is a Memorial? by Susan LaBella

1. Explicit Information

This question asks about important information in the text. You should be able to point to the answers right in the text!

1. Why do people build memorials?

- A. People build memorials to teach children about important people.
- B. People build memorials to remember and honor people.**
- C. People build memorials to show how rich they are.

2. Text Structure

For nonfiction texts, this question asks about how the text shares information. For literary texts, this question asks about an important part of the story. For example, this question might ask about where the story takes place or what happens to a character.

2. The text describes several important American memorials. Where are many of America's memorials?

- A. San Francisco
- B. Washington, D.C.**
- C. New York City

3. Conclusions and Evidence

This question helps you think about how information in the text connects to an idea.

3. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a very important American who did great things. What information from the text tells us this is true?

- A. There is a memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor and remember President Abraham Lincoln.
- B. There is a memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor and remember President Thomas Jefferson.
- C. There is a memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor and remember Martin Luther King, Jr.**

4. What is “What Is a Memorial?” mostly about?

- A. four special American memorials
- B. how memorials are built
- C. the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

4. Main Idea or Main Topic

Sometimes this question will ask you to pick the big idea of the text. Other times, it will ask you to pick what the text was mostly about.

5. What is written on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial?

On the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is written...

5. Explicit Information

This question asks about information that is important to the big idea of the text. A lot of times this question will get you thinking about information that will help you answer the drawing question coming up!

6. Explicit or Inferential

This question asks you to share what you learned from the text.

6. What did you learn from “What Is a Memorial”?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** What type of people are remembered and honored with a memorial? Use at least two examples from the text to support your answer.

7. Class Discussion Question

This question is about a big idea of the text. You will have to think about the information you learned in the text. You may also have to think about how this information connects together.

8. Draw a picture of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

8. Explicit or Inferential

This question asks you about information that is important to the big idea of the text. You can draw your answer to this question!