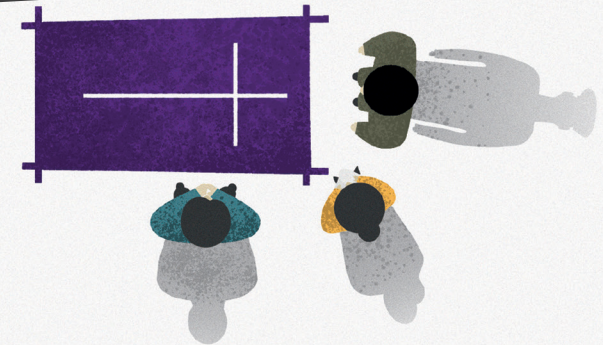


# Buried among Kings:

# The Story of the Unknown Warrior

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## A Warrior Buried in Westminster: What's the Story?

11 November 1920

The extraordinary tale of the unknown warrior buried today in Westminster Abbey

In the First World War, hundreds of thousands of British servicemen died. It was not possible to \_\_\_\_\_ all of them. Therefore, they could not be returned home to be buried. This caused great sadness for families and the general public. The idea for the Unknown Warrior came from \_\_\_\_\_ (who was an army Chaplain) and \_\_\_\_\_ (who was the Dean of Westminster Abbey). They wanted to bring home one of the unidentified servicemen who had died on the Western Front. He would be a \_\_\_\_\_ for all the servicemen who had died fighting, especially

those who were \_\_\_\_\_. The selection took place in secret. Four bodies were taken from important battlefields and then one was \_\_\_\_\_ chosen. He would become the Unknown Warrior. The next day, the coffin left France and travelled to \_\_\_\_\_ by ship. This morning, the Unknown Warrior was carried in a funeral procession through the city. Thousands of soldiers and crowds of mourners lined the streets. The Unknown Warrior was then brought to Westminster Abbey where he was finally \_\_\_\_\_.

More than 1,000,000 mourners visited the grave of the Unknown Warrior in the week following his burial. Discuss with a friend: No one knew the identity of the Unknown Warrior. Why do you think so many people visited his grave?

The Unknown Warrior represented different things to different people. Choose a visitor and imagine why they visited the grave of the Unknown Warrior.

-  Serviceman
-  Parent
-  Civilian

I am a: \_\_\_\_\_

I have come to visit the Unknown Warrior because:

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Something to think about: The Unknown Warrior was buried 100 years ago. Why should he be remembered today?

Write a social media post to persuade the National Army Museum to create a memorial for the Unknown Warrior. Then you can design it! →



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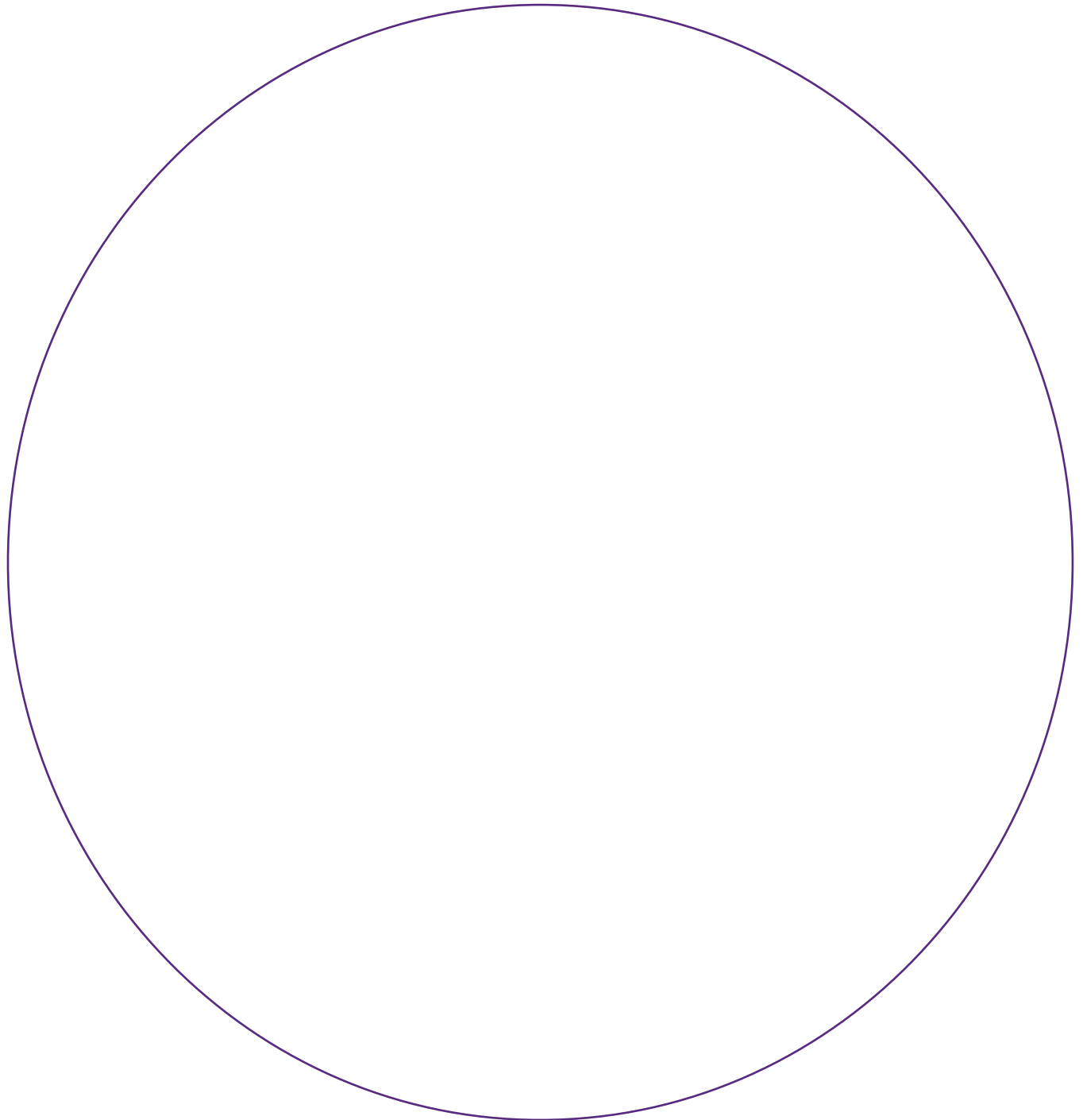
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**#UnknownWarrior #Remembrance  
#NationalArmyMuseum**

How should the Unknown Warrior be remembered? Design a memorial plaque for the 100th anniversary of the burial of the Unknown Warrior. Use the story and the objects in the exhibition to help you. You can write a message, using prose or poetry, and include drawings if you like.

**Extra: If it could go anywhere, where would you choose to place your memorial plaque? Why?**

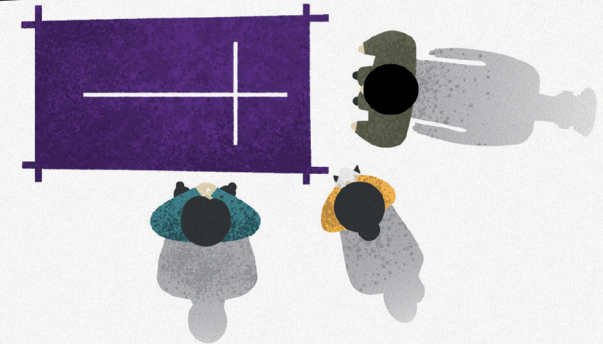


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More than 1,000,000 mourners visited the grave of the Unknown Warrior in the week following his burial. What do you think he meant to different people? Choose a visitor and imagine who or what the Unknown Warrior represented to them.

-  Serviceman
-  Parent
-  Civilian

I am a: \_\_\_\_\_

I have come to visit the Unknown Warrior because:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with a friend: If it were possible, would it be right to identify the Unknown Warrior?

The Unknown Warrior was buried 100 years ago. Why should he be remembered today? Write a social media post to persuade the National Army Museum to create a memorial. Then you can design it! →



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**#UnknownWarrior #Remembrance**

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