

A Homeage To Our Brave Soldiers

Chapter 8

Comprehension Check Page – 126

1. Where is the National War Memorial located and what is its significance?

Ans : India's National War Memorial is located in New Delhi, honoring soldiers who died in conflicts since independence. Their names are etched on the walls, and an eternal flame symbolizes their enduring spirit. It's a place to remember sacrifice and strive for peace.

2. What is the nation's highest gallantry award?

Ans : The nation's (India's) highest gallantry award is the **Param Vir Chakra (PVC)**. It's awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice, in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea or in the air.

3. What do the walls of Chakras portray.

Ans : The walls of Chakra in India's War Memorial don't show battles. They are circular (like a war formation) and hold granite tablets with soldiers' names, symbolizing the dangers of war and honoring each soldier who fell.

4. Find in the lesson the paragraph/s and the sentence that evoke the feelings given below.

(i) feeling of wonder

(ii) heartening

(iii) sense of motivation

(iv) pride

(v) visually inspiring

(vi) sadness

(vii) gratitude

(viii) inspiration

Ans :

(i) Feeling of Wonder: We might not find a direct reference to wonder, but the sheer number of names on the memorial walls could

evoke a sense of awe or wonder at the scale of sacrifice made.

(ii) Heartening: The description of the eternal flame (if mentioned) could be a source of heartening, symbolizing the enduring spirit and memory of the soldiers.

(iii) Sense of Motivation: The chapter's overall message of honoring sacrifice could inspire readers to be better citizens or consider ways to contribute to peace efforts.

(iv) Pride: The dedication and courage of the soldiers could evoke a sense of national pride for their bravery and service.

(v) Visually Inspiring: The description of the memorial's architecture or design elements could be considered visually inspiring, depending on the details included.

(vi) Sadness: Remembering the human cost of war is likely to evoke feelings of sadness or loss.

(vii) Gratitude: The chapter's emphasis on honoring sacrifice is intended to cultivate a sense of gratitude for the soldiers' service.

(viii) Inspiration: The stories of bravery and sacrifice can be a source of inspiration for readers, particularly young people.

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1. Which book does Ananda want to read and why?

Ans: Ananda interested in books about war memorials or military history to understand these topics better.

2. How did Ananda feel after reading about the National War Memorial?

Ans : The passage doesn't explicitly state Ananda's emotions, but based on the themes of "A Homage to Our Brave Soldiers," Ananda might feel a mix of:

- **Respect:** For the sacrifices made by the soldiers.
- **Gratitude:** For their service to the nation.

3. Why was she reminded of the poem Pushp ki Abhilasha?

Ans : There might be a connection between the poem's theme of sacrifice (like the flower) and the soldiers' selfless service in "A Homage to Our Brave Soldiers."

4. Reading the letter from Soumya, Anada is inspired to act. What actions does she intend to take up. Fill in the table citing the sentences from the text.

(i) visit

(ii) mobile app

(iii) sharing ideas

(iv) creating a collage

(v) joining the army

(vi) website

Ans :

Action	Sentence in the Text (Inference)
(i) Visit	The passage doesn't mention a specific visit prompted by Soumya's letter.
(ii) Mobile App	Ananda might consider using a mobile app to learn more or contribute to a cause related to war memorials or veterans, but the text doesn't explicitly mention this.
(iii) Sharing Ideas	Ananda might be inspired to share ideas with Soumya about ways to honor veterans or spread awareness about war memorials (text doesn't provide specific details).
(iv) Creating a Collage	There's no mention of Ananda creating a collage in the context of Soumya's letter.
(v) Joining the Army	Soumya's letter is unlikely to directly inspire Ananda to join the army. The text focuses more on remembrance and honoring soldiers.
(vi) Website	Similar to mobile apps, Ananda might use a website to learn more or get involved in a cause, but the text doesn't mention this specifically.

Working With Text

1. Why are war memorials built?

Ans :

- Remember and honor soldiers who died in wars.
- Pay respect to their bravery and sacrifice.
- Foster patriotism and national pride.

2. Why is it our duty to pay homage to our brave soldiers?

Ans : Here are two key reasons why it's our duty to pay homage to our brave soldiers:

1. **Gratitude for Sacrifice:** Soldiers make the ultimate sacrifice by risking their lives for our country's safety and freedom. Paying homage shows our appreciation for their courage and dedication.
2. **Never Forget:** War memorials and acts of remembrance ensure that the stories of fallen soldiers are not forgotten. This keeps the human cost of war in our minds and motivates us to strive for peace.

3. Why is it a good idea to make a presentation in front of the whole school?

Ans : Presenting to the whole school is great for:

- **Public speaking:** Practice builds confidence and communication skills.
- **Sharing knowledge:** You can inform a large audience and spark interest.
- **Confidence boost:** Prepares you to lead and present effectively.
- **Engaging learning:** Interactive presentations can make learning fun!

4. Why were the students awestruck and humbled- explain in your own words?

Ans : In "A Homage to Our Brave Soldiers," students might feel awestruck by the vastness of the memorial and the many names, showing the scale of sacrifice. They might also be humbled by the reminder of war's human cost and the soldiers who gave their lives.

5. Complete the table given below. You may have to find the information from the Internet.

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Kargil Wars		

Ans :

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Indo-Pakistan Wars	1947-1948 ,1965 , 1971	Indian Army led by various commanders including General K. M. Cariappa (1947-48), General J. N. Chaudhuri (1965), General Sam Manekshaw (1971)
Kargil War	1999	Indian Army led by General Ved Prakash Malik

Working With Language

1. Find the odd one out from the words given in the box.

Valiant , martyr , memorial , monument , heroic , courageous , cenotaph , victory , exclusive , one-off , gratitude , thankfulness , appreciation , respect , gratefulness , unique , simple

Ans : The odd one out is: **exclusive**

Here's why:

- All the other words have positive connotations related to bravery, sacrifice, remembrance, and appreciation.
- **Exclusive** means relating to a particular group of people or thing and not involving or allowing anyone or anything else. It doesn't fit the theme of positive emotions and remembrance associated with the other words.

3. Match the following words with their meanings.

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(i) territorial integrity	(i) celebrated
(ii) iconic	(ii) engraved
(iii) envisioned	(iii) grand
(iv) etched	(iv) visualised
(v) posthumously	(v) a tapering stone pillar
(vi) awestruck	(vi) after death
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4. Complete the story of an unknown soldier. Replace the words from the box with the underlined words given in the text below.
touched everyone's heart, territorial integrity, inspired, fallen soldiers, posthumously, valour, exemplary courage, awestruck

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