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**NOTES**

CLASS: VII

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L:8 – A Homage to our Brave Soldiers

**Pre-Activity : Imagine your brother has joined Indian Army, write a letter to your brother as you are missing him a lot.**

**Answer the following questions.**

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

The National War Memorial is located in New Delhi, India. It stands as a tribute to the soldiers who have laid down their lives in service of the nation. The memorial honours their bravery and sacrifices, serving as a place for citizens to pay their respects and remember the fallen heroes.

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

The nation's highest gallantry award is the **Param Vir Chakra**. It is awarded for the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy.

**3. What do the walls of Chakras portray?**

The walls of the Chakras at the National War Memorial portray the journey of a soldier. Each Chakra represents different aspects of a soldier's life, from the preparation for battle to the ultimate sacrifice made in service to the nation.

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

- (i) feeling of wonder – This made me wonder, who were these brave Indian people?
- (ii) heartening – It was heartening to know that our government has recognised the sacrifice of brave soldiers.
- (iii) sense of motivation -.Let me begin by asking you to guess the name of the monument that I found most inspiring.
- (iv) pride – It truly is a majestic site that filled me with pride for our nation.
- (v) visually inspiring – The overall environment created an emotive experience that was visually inspiring
- (vi) sadness – Sadly, she said, war always takes its toll, and therefore, many brave soldiers have had to sacrifice their lives for the country even after our independence in 1947.
- (vii) gratitude – But more importantly, it is a tribute to some of the bravest Indians

**5. Which book does Ananda want to read and why?**

Ananda wants to read the book "Param Vir: Our Heroes in Battle" because it tells the stories of bravery and sacrifices made by Param Vir Chakra awardees, which inspires her.

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

**Answer:** Ananda felt a deep sense of respect and admiration for the soldiers after reading about the National War Memorial. She was moved by the bravery and sacrifices of the soldiers.

**7. Why was she reminded of the poem Pushp Ki Abhilasha?**

**Answer:** Ananda was reminded of the poem Pushp Ki Abhilasha because it expresses the desire to be useful to the nation, just as the soldiers have been through their sacrifices.

**8. Reading the letter from Soumya, Ananda is inspired to act. What actions does she intend to take up?**

**Answer:** Ananda intends to take up several actions to honour the soldiers and spread awareness about their sacrifices.

**9. Why are war memorials built?**

**Answer:** War memorials are built to honour and remember the brave soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for the safety and freedom of their country. They serve as a tribute to their courage and dedication, allowing people to pay their respects and acknowledge the immense contributions these soldiers have made. War memorials also educate future generations about the history and the sacrifices made to protect the nation.

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

**Answer:** It is our duty to pay homage to our brave soldiers because they put their lives at risk and often make the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the security and sovereignty of our nation. By honouring them, we show our gratitude and respect for their selfless service and acknowledge the hardships they and their families endure. Paying homage also helps keep their memories alive and inspires us to uphold the values they fought for.

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

**Answer:** Making a presentation in front of the school is a good idea because it helps raise awareness among students about the bravery and sacrifices of our soldiers. Such presentations can instil a sense of patriotism and respect for the armed forces. They also provide an opportunity for students to learn about important historical events and the significance of national security. Additionally, presentations can encourage discussions and inspire others to contribute positively to society.

**12. Why were the students awestruck and humbled? Explain in your own words.**

**Answer:** The students were awestruck and humbled after learning about the incredible bravery and selflessness of the soldiers who fought for their country. Hearing stories of soldiers facing immense dangers and making great sacrifices made the students realise the depth of courage and dedication required to serve in the armed forces. This understanding filled them with profound respect and gratitude, making them feel humble in the face of such extraordinary heroism.

Complete the following table

i	visit	We all wish to visit the National War Memorial, New Delhi.
ii	Mobile app	We have found out a mobile app 'National War Memorial and Museum'.
iii	Sharing ideas	I really like to receive letters from you, not just because of the ideas that you share but also because the envelope of your letters often comes with beautiful stamps, that make me happy.
iv	Creating a collage	I think it would be great to create a collage capturing the lives and stories of people that can inspire us each day.
v	Joining the army	I feel motivated and I am seriously thinking of joining the Armed Forces for serving my motherland.
vi	website	Here is the website link for National War Memorial <a href="https://nationalwarmemorial.gov.in/">https://nationalwarmemorial.gov.in/</a> .

Complete the table given below.

<b>Names of Wars</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Soldiers Associated</b>
Indo-China War	1962	Subedar Joginder Singh, Major Dhan Singh Thapa, Major Shaitan Singh
India-Pakistan Wars	1965, 1971	Lance Naik Albert Ekka, Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Singh Sekhon, Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, Major Hoshiar Singh, Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla
Kargil War	1999	Major Padmapani Acharya, Captain Anuj Nayyar, Captain Vikram Batra

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