Guidelines for Monuments Synthesis Question Activity

A Prewriting:

* Look at the three pictures of monuments. What strikes you about their design? What importance do they have? What problems arise in their construction and ideas? What do they represent? What is your actions?

(Picture 1: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Washington DC)

(Picture 2: Stone Mountain, Confederate Generals, Atlanta, Georgia)

(Picture 3: Mt. Rushmore, US Presidents, South Dakota)

* What factors would you consider in making a monument? What is a concept, even, person or group which you consider to be worth memorializing?

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B Read the prompt and Sources carefully (I am just including the prompt here the sources are online)



Questions to Consider in Preparing the Prompt:

1. Remember this is a persuasive essay not a rhetorical analysis essay.
2. Read the question on the next page carefully. Be sure that your essay is responding to what the prompt is asking. You might write what you are responding to at the top of the essay as you begin to remind yourself of what the topic is requiring. For instance is it asking you to discuss what issues are most essential to consider or to take a position on an issue.
3. Be sure to parenthetically cite at least three sources. You cannot receive higher than a 4 if you do not cite at least three sources.
4. Your arguments are central the documents; the documents are used to support your position.
5. Develop the other rules of the argumentative essay. (types of claim, types of logical support, claim-data-analysis, etc.)
6. It is not necessary to use information other than what is in the documents themselves, although you may.
7. For this essay I would suggest including three things:
8. A discussion of the characteristics of an actual monument (Jeffersonian, MLK, 9/11, Holocaust museum) and explain why the factors you selected are important to consider in the creation of a particular monument
9. A hypothetical creation of a monument (for a person, group, or concept) and the factors you would consider in memorializing it.
10. What is the purpose of a monument? Why are or are they not significant for society?