

# Middle School History Hunt

## at Berwick Evergreen Cemetery



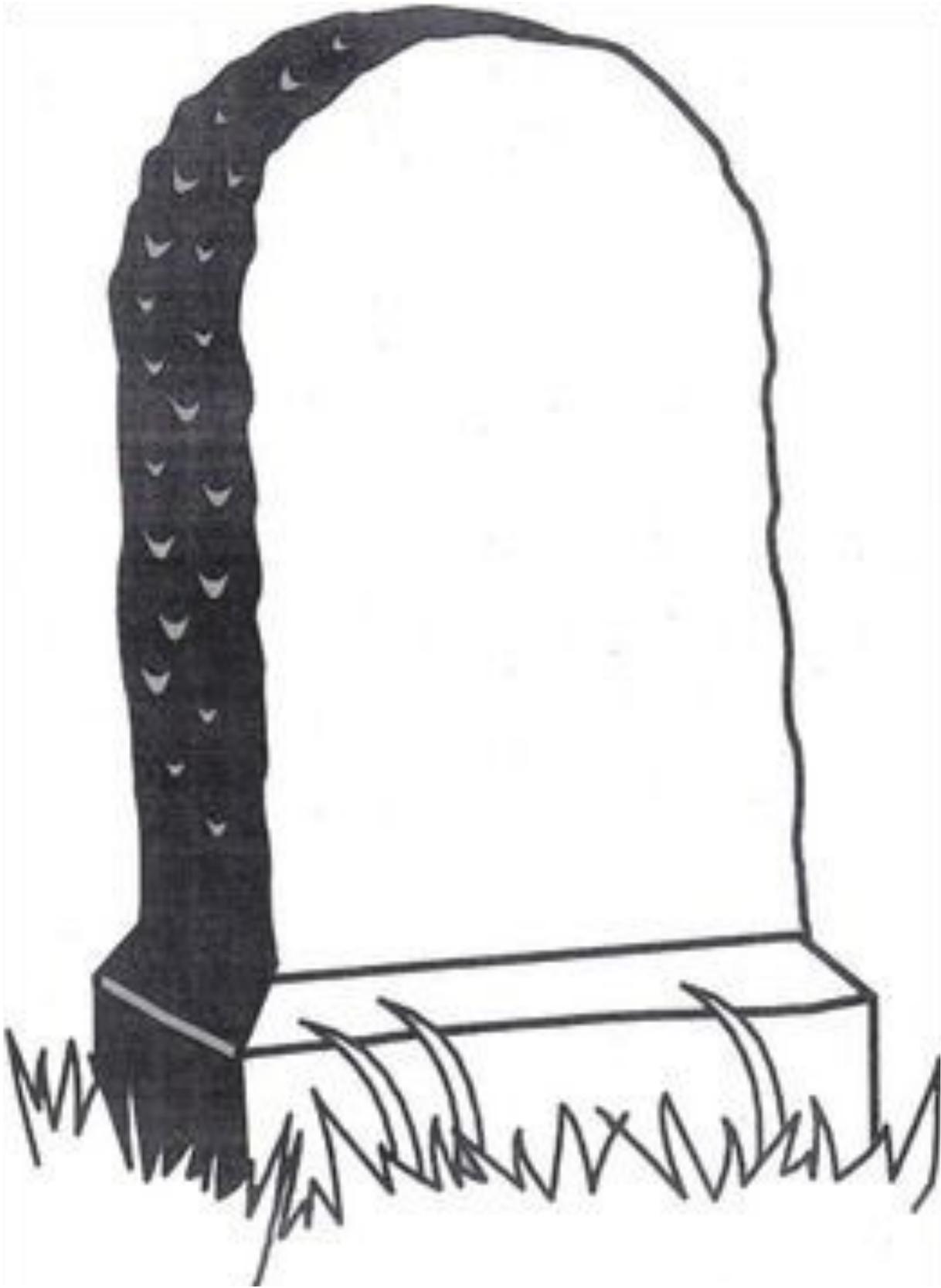
Cemeteries are rich with history and stories. Your task is to visit Berwick's Evergreen Cemetery, located on Cemetery Road, and to explore the grounds and memorials of the lives who rest here. Below you will find questions to answer as you walk through the cemetery. Some questions require further research using the internet. Don't forget to thank the dead for sharing their resting place with you!

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1. What is the earliest dated headstone you can find? How old was that person when they died?
  2. Using the attached map, can you find the grave of a veteran from each of the six wars listed? Did any of these veterans serve in multiple wars? What weapons do you think these soldiers might have used during these different time periods?
  3. Many headstones will display symbols, such as the Freemason symbol shown below. This symbol represents morality and boundaries. Sketch (or photograph) a few other symbols, and research their meanings at home. Which one did you find the most interesting? Why?



4. There is a stone chapel at the entrance of the cemetery. What do you think its purpose is?
5. Can you find a headstone of people who are buried together in the same grave?
6. There is a headstone here that indicates a soul lost at sea. Can you find it?
7. Family plots can be identified by a large stone engraved with the family name, surrounded by smaller individual headstones. Can you find a family plot? What is the family name? How many of the family members are buried here?
8. The items left on headstones can mean different things. For instance, coins on the stone of a veteran can mean that the deceased was visited by a living soldier. What other items can you find on the headstones as remembrances? What is the most unique item you found on a grave?
9. The term "perpetual care" on a headstone indicates that the person buried there elected to provide funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. Can you find a headstone that references this?
10. Can you find a flag other than an American flag? What did the flag represent?
11. What was the most interesting poem or saying that you found on a person's headstone? Why did it stand out to you?

If you were to design a headstone, what information would you want people to know about you? Would you choose a special poem, saying, symbol, drawing, or other feature to include on your headstone? Share what you would want people to know about your life below.



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  - S - SPANISH WAR
  - C - CIVIL WAR
  - R - REVOLUTIONARY WAR
  - T - WAR OF 1812
  - I - INDIAN WARS
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