

Active Reading Strategies

Question:

From the beginning of time, around the world people have created monuments and memorials to recognize accomplishments. Americans are no exception. Our nation's capital is home to hundreds of monuments and memorials. In a well-written essay, detail why the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Martin Luther King Memorial are important. Be sure to cite specific evidence from the texts.

1. Read the question.
- 2a. Circle key direction verbs. For example – write, draw, explain, compare, show
- 2b. Underline important information. Often there is information in the question that is irrelevant to finding the answer.
3. In your own words, write what the question is asking you to do.
4. Read and annotate the text. Complete the graphic organizer, and then write your essay.