

Marshall County Museum

Grave Yard Scavenger Hunt



READ:

Fall is the perfect time to take a little walk in a cemetery. The weather is nice and not too hot. The colorful leaves on the trees and under your feet provide the perfect backdrop for getting into a little 'grave digging.'

DO:

- ◆ Take a trip with an adult to a cemetery of your choosing. It could be one where you have some ancestors buried, or if that's not possible, choose one close to home.
- ◆ Take a picture of you and your adult with the sign at the entrance.
- ◆ IF YOU HAVE ANCESTORS IN THE CEMETERY - Find out as much as you can about your family members by reading the words on the headstones. How far back in time does your family go? Do you recognize any names? Have a conversation with your adult about how your ancestors must have lived in their time. Be sure to take a picture of you with each stone. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ANCESTORS IN THE CEMETERY, go on to the next step.
- ◆ Spend some time wandering around the grounds looking for the following and taking notes on the *Grave Yard Scavenger Hunt Notes* page. Be sure to take pictures of you with each stone. Can you find:
 - * The largest stone you can see. Write the name of the person buried there.
 - * The oldest stone you can find. How do you know it is the oldest?
 - * A headstone that has the same name as you do. Is the person related to you?
 - * A headstone that is over 100 years old. What are the dates on it?
 - * A military memorial. How do you know that is what it is?
 - * The most interesting or unusual headstone you can find. Why is it unique?
 - * A headstone with a picture on it. What is the picture of?
 - * A mausoleum. (Ask your adult what that is if you don't know.)
 - * The largest tree in the cemetery. How old do you think it is?

SHARE:

- ◆ Talk with your family about your trip to the cemetery and share the most interesting thing that you learned.
- ◆ Post a picture or two of your cemetery adventure on social media with the hashtag #MCMuseumFromHome.

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NOTES

What is the name of the cemetery? _____

Family findings: _____

Name on the largest headstone: _____

Dates on the oldest headstone: _____

Full name on a headstone with your last name: _____

Dates on a headstone over 100 years old: _____

Draw a sketch of a military memorial:

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a sketch of a military memorial.

Draw a sketch of the most unusual or interesting headstone you can find:

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a sketch of an unusual or interesting headstone.

Describe a headstone with a picture on it: _____

What is a mausoleum? _____

Age of the largest tree in the cemetery? How old is it? _____

Other notes: _____
