

Making memories: plaques and statues

Level: 3–4

Curriculum focus: *Historical Concepts and Skills*
Historical sources as evidence
Identify the origin and content features of primary sources when describing the significance of people, places and events ([VCHHC067](#))

Learning outcome: Students can define what a statue or plaque is and understand why we use them.

What's included:

- Activities
- Discussion questions
- Further resources

Activities

Activity one

Watch the video [Making Memories: plaques and statues](#)

Pause and discuss the video as needed.

Discussion questions

- Have you seen the statues in Caulfield Park, maybe driving past or playing at the park?
- Why do you think the artist might have chosen to create these sculptures for this park?
- Are there any plaques at your school?
Some schools have a plaque that remembers when the school opened. Perhaps you could find a plaque that is local to you and investigate what it remembers.
- Are there any statues near where you live?

Activity two

Find a plaque or statue near where you live or at your school. You can even find a picture of a plaque or statue online.

Answer the questions below.

Describe your plaque or statue. What is it made of? Where is it located? Why do you think it is in that location?

Who or what does your plaque or statue remember?

When did this event happen or when did this person live?

Why do you think people wanted to remember this person or event?

Activity three

Design your own statue and a plaque to go with it.

Answer these questions about your design.

What or who does your statue and plaque remember?

Why is this person or event important enough to be remembered forever?

What is it made of?

Where would you build it? Why?

Teacher resources

Visit

Map of historic sites in the City of Glen Eira

This [map](#) shows primary schools in the City of Glen Eira along with monuments, museums, historical societies, plaques, memorials, public art, historic buildings, and sites that commemorate First Nations history. Visit our [Self-guided Walking Tours page](#) for more information.



Watch

Glen Eira City Council (2019) [Welcome to Country with Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2019) [Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM shares the story of the possum cloak](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2022) [Alicia Cerreto - in conversation with Glen Eira Historical Society](#)

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City of Moorabbin Historical Society (2024) [City of Moorabbin Historical Society \(Box Cottage\) Collection](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [History of Our Council](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [Glen Eira City Council History and Heritage Collection](#)

Glen Eira Historical Society (2024) [Glen Eira Historical Society Collection](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [Our monuments and sites](#)