



Comprehension Questions

Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Use the questions and blank spaces below with your kids or students to build their literacy skills!

- ★ **What is the main idea of the story? What details let us know that this is the main idea?**

- ★ **Why is it considered a special duty to be a sentinel guard?**

- ★ **What season is shown in the illustration of Arlington National Cemetery on pages 3–4. How do you know?**



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- ★ **How do the mourners feel when they visit the remains of the Unknown?**
- ★ **Why is it important for sentinel guards to guard the tomb?**
- ★ **State your opinion: Do you think it would be a hard job to be a sentinel guard? Why or why not?**