**What is a funeral ritual, a ritual and a memorial?**

Rituals are actions that help us to convey our thoughts and feelings to our parents, to our friends or ourselves. Rituals can be public or private.

A kind of public ritual is the funeral one. Through this traditional ritual, we say goodbye to the physical form of someone we loved with the expression of our thoughts and emotions.

A war memorial is something, usually an architectural building, created to commemorate a war, a victory, or the fallen in war. These war memorials usually are the civic memorials, the national monuments, war cemeteries and the private memorials.

**What is its meaning?**

The funeral has the task of let us to reconcile ourselves after suffering a death.

Before returning to our normal life, the funeral ceremony and its preparation help us to accept the death of this person. Besides shock us emotionally, the death of someone loved us even shock us in terms of interpersonal relationships. In fact, the funeral becomes a way to change the type of relationship with the deceased person by physical relationship to one based on memory and to change relations with other people. This brings us to build a new identity.

In order to keep the memory of this deceased person, we employ memorials. An example is the war memorial which has the task of building a bridge between those who contemplate and millions of people who died during the First World War.