A Brief History Of Unknown Soldiers by Frances Romero

The text I’m going t analyze is an article, called “A brief history of Unknown Soldiers”, written by

Frances Romero on 11 November in 2009.

From the title an intelligent reader can imagine that the text is a general presentation about Unknown Warrior.

First of all, Romero shows a photo of a couple walking by the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in America to celebrate the Veterans Day, on 11 November.

The text is organized into four sequences.

In the firs part the writer explain to the reader the origin and the function of the Veterans Day.

The tradition of the Unknown Soldier was took place by English and French people because

they buried an unidentified soldiers, respectively at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, in 1920 a year before the practice took root in the U.S.

The second sequence tells about the first ceremony to honor Unknown Soldiers.

The third part of the article tells about the Unknown Soldier’s ritual in America and in the other countries, for example in Canada the coffin of the Unknown Soldier was added to the National War Memorial in Ottawa, when the casket of a Canadian soldier from World War I was taken from a French cemetery.

Whereas, in the four and last sequence Romero explains the consequences of this important tradition.

In conclusion, in my opinion, the writer wants to explain, in a simple way, the story and the function of the Unknown Soldier. But, in this system, he doesn’t involve the reader to practice the Unknown Soldier’s ritual because Romero doesn’t give any judgments of value. This is caused by the journalistic language, deprived of every type of personal opinions.