**FUNERAL RITUALS AND WAR MEMORIALS**

FUNERAL RITUAL:

The article “Why the funeral’s important”, written by “Alan D. Wolfet” (a researcher), explains what is a funeral ritual and its benefits.

The author begins with a significant sentence “When words are inadequate have a ritual”, written by an anonymous.

The writer uses the quote to capture the reader’s attention and also as an hint of riflession.

Subsequently Wolfet begins to explain what is a ritual, saying that the rituals are symbolic activities that help the people and their families to express the most profound thoughts and sentiments about the most important events of the life. Marriage, party and baptism are some examples of rituals.

With the funeral ritual people can express their believes and thoughts about the death of someone.

The funeral ritual helps the people to accept the death, gives support to the people who have a mourning and also offers a prospect and a reason of life for the people who aren’t died.

In the last years, people undervalue the importance of the funerals because the modern society and culture is afraid of the death and has forgotten the importance of a funeral ritual.

In Italy the idea of rituals in changed because people’s mentality is changed.

 If the people who have a mourning satisfy this needs they can delete their pain and find a sense in their life.

Alan Wolfet in this article explains that a pearson who has a mourning needs to:

* Acknowledge the reality of the death
* Develop new auto-identity
* Search a common sense
* Receive continuing support from others

The funeral help us to search the sense of our life. It demonstrates that the death is important for the people.

The funerals are useful as meeting place for the mourning. The presence of the people in a funeral is the most important manifestation of love for the people who aren’t died yet. In this way, the people who had a mourning know that they aren’t alone in their pain.

WAR MEMORIAL:

A War Memorial is a monument, building, statue or other edifice that celebrate a War or a victory.

At first, the War Memorials were built to glorify the dead in the war: in this way the government encouraged other people to fight. In the modern times War Memorials are built to commemorate the dead in a war.

The grave is a symbol whose is died. In the last century, people had the ideology of the war; now, people have the ideology of the peace; the vision of the world is changed.

The oldest War Memorial of the United Kingdom is “All Souls College” in the Oxford university, founded in 1438.

To commemorate the millions of people who died in the first World War there were built small and big War Memorials around the world.

There were many types of War Memorials: someones take the form of traditional monument or statue, others are buildings or museums, others yet are simple plaques or commemorative-gardens or parks.

The Cenotaph is an example of a War Memorial that commemorate the warriors who died in the first World War. It is and empty tomb, in Whitehall; it was designed and built by Edwin Lutyens at the request of the Prime Minister Lloyd George. It represents an opportunity to remember an important part of the European story.

The War Memorials are very important for the people, because those that lost their family’s members in the first World War can have a place where appears the name of their relatives who died in the first World War; in this way they will be remembered and their relatives have a place where they can cry.

Besides, In 1916 the governments decided to built the planned cemeteries; sometimes the government used the memorials at political level.