



**2021 – 2022 AMERICAN HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST**  
"The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"

**Reading Resources**

**For all readers:**

Khalid, J. (2018). *Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*. PowerKids Press.

Stein, R.C. and Wahl, R. (1979). *The Story of Arlington National Cemetery (Cornerstones of Freedom Series)*. Children's Press.

Wachtel, R. (2009). *The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*. Children's Press.

**For younger readers:**

Demarest, C. L. (2010). *Arlington: The Story of Our Nation's Cemetery*. Roaring Brook Press.

Gottesfeld, J., & Tavares, M. (2021). *Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*. Candlewick Press.

**From the Arlington National Cemetery's suggested reading list:**

**BOOKS**

Budreau, L. M. (2012). *Bodies of War: World War I and the Politics of Commemoration in America, 1919-1933*. New York University Press.

McElya, M. (2019). *The Politics of Mourning: Death and Honor in Arlington National Cemetery*. Harvard University Press.

Piehler, G. K. (2004). *Remembering War the American Way*. Smithsonian Books.

Sledge, M. (2007). *Soldier Dead: How We Recover, Identify, Bury, and Honor Our Military Fallen*. Columbia University Press.

Trout, S. (2012). *On the Battlefield of Memory: The First World War and American Remembrance, 1919-1941*. University of Alabama Press.

**PRIMARY SOURCES**

"The unknown American soldier. Address of the President of the United States at the ceremonies attending the burial of an unknown American soldier in Arlington cemetery November 11, 1921," by Warren G. Harding. Available online: <https://lccn.loc.gov/21026998>

“Program of the ceremonies attending the burial of an unknown and unidentified American soldier who lost his life during the world war. Master of ceremonies, the secretary of war.”  
Available online: <https://lcn.loc.gov/22000493>

Arlington National Cemetery. “Recommended Reading: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.”  
*History Education Series*.  
[https://education.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/2/Recommended%20Reading\\_TUS.pdf](https://education.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/2/Recommended%20Reading_TUS.pdf).  
Accessed July 2021.

**Online resources:**

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Tomb-of-the-Unknown-Soldier>

[https://education.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/2/Tomb%20of%20the%20Unknown%20Soldier\\_Reading.pdf](https://education.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/2/Tomb%20of%20the%20Unknown%20Soldier_Reading.pdf)

<https://tombguard.org/tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier>

[https://www.army.mil/article/38013/the\\_tomb\\_of\\_the\\_unknowns](https://www.army.mil/article/38013/the_tomb_of_the_unknowns)