

Directions

Read Cate Terwilliger's article for *The Denver Post* titled "Ludlow Victims Made of Flesh, Stone." When you are finished, answer the questions seen below. Remember to express yourself fully and carefully in your answers, using the skills you have learned in Language Arts class this year. Use your own paper to answer.

READING ASSIGNMENT: "THIS MONUMENT WILL BE RESTORED..."

This assignment addresses HISTORY benchmark 6.2b: Give and describe examples of individuals who, throughout history, acted from their religious or philosophical beliefs.



Today, the statue has been repaired. In this photograph, a white scarf drapes the female figure in order to hide the seam where the new stone head was attached to the vandalized figure.

PART I: SHORT ANSWER:

1. Why did labor leaders pledge more than 10,000 dollars on Sunday, June 29th?
2. What three Memorials did Cecil Roberts compare the Monument to?
3. What is Mr. Roberts' job?
4. What kinds of rifles were those hunters using that day?
5. How many people were at the annual commemorative service?
6. Where was the service located?
7. What does the 85-year-old monument "pay homage" to?
8. What happened on the night of May 7th?
9. Where are the missing pieces?
10. What is the reward for information?
11. What does Fred Lupo think about whoever did the crime?
12. Mike Rodriguez believes that the crime was not committed by common vandals. What does he think motivated the destruction?
13. Who did officials bring in to judge the damage and the chances of restoration?

14. Who does Mr. Roberts call “American heroes” and “freedom fighters?”
15. What does Dean Saitta say about the monument’s desecration?

PART II: ESSAY: Write a well-composed fourteen-sentence essay on the following topic:

Pretend you are a member of the United Mine Workers. Write a letter to be published in the local paper. This letter asks the vandals to return the missing pieces of the statue, and explains why you and your supporters believe that this statue is so important to you.

STANDARDS FOR GRADING THIS READING ASSIGNMENT:

GRADE C:

1. The requirements for a C are the same as for a B except that there are one or two errors or omissions that would prevent the student from getting a B.

GRADE B:

1. The report answers all of the short answer questions in complete sentences.
2. The short answer section shows only minor factual errors.
3. The essay question or questions are of proper length and written in complete sentences.
4. The essay question addresses the topic clearly.
5. Paper is neatly written and carefully proofread with no more than four typos or spelling errors.

GRADE A:

1. The report meets all the requirements for a “B”.
2. The essay question or questions show outstanding effort and analysis as well as an exceptional overall understanding of the topic chosen.
3. The report is carefully proofread with no more than two typos or spelling errors.
4. The report is word-processed.

LUDLOW VICTIMS MADE OF FLESH, STONE



UNION MEMBERS VOW REPAIRS TO EASE PAIN OF VANDALISM TO SLAIN MINERS' MONUMENT

By Cate Terwilliger
Special to The Denver Post

Monday, June 30, 2003 - LUDLOW - Labor leaders pledged more than \$10,000 toward the restoration of the vandalized Ludlow Massacre Monument on Sunday during an emotional gathering that was equal parts memorial service and union rally.

"This is our Vietnam Veterans Memorial, our Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, our Lincoln Memorial," United Mine Workers of America president Cecil Roberts told a cheering crowd. "There is no question whatsoever that ... this monument will be restored."

Nearly 400 people - many wearing union slogans - packed the annual commemorative service at the memorial 14 miles north of Trinidad, rivaling the largest turnout in memory. Many were moved to attend after learning vandals had desecrated the 85-year-old monument, which pays homage to mining families killed by state militia on April 20, 1914, during a bitter coalfield strike.

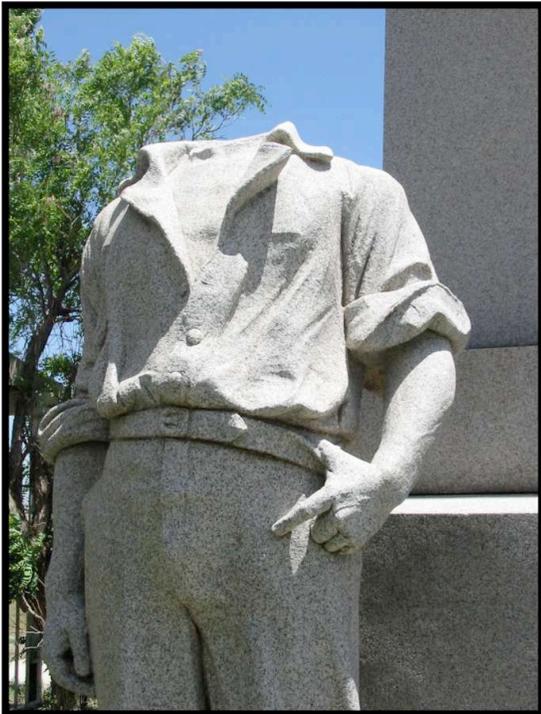
Two figures that anchor the 20-foot-high gray granite sculpture - a miner and a woman cradling a child in her arms - were decapitated sometime between a caretaker's rounds on the evenings of May 7 and May 8. The woman's arm, which was attached to her head, was also removed; the figure of the child was not harmed.

A search for the missing pieces turned up nothing, and Las Animas County Sheriff James Casias confirmed Sunday that investigators have no solid leads in the case, despite a \$5,000 reward. There is no evidence to suggest anti-union sentiment motivated the crime, Casias said. Still, many union members say the mutilation of such a poignant symbol of workers' rights feels like a pointed - and personal - assault.

"I hope whoever did it rots in hell," said UMWA District 22 president Fred Lupo, prompting applause from the crowd.

Pueblo steelworker Mike Rodriguez acknowledged the damage might be the mindless mischief of garden-variety vandals. "Still," he said, "that's what you feel in your heart - that it's anti-union."

About 100 steelworkers attended Sunday's service, marching with a "United We Stand" banner and chanting "Remember Ludlow!" They donated \$2,000 toward yet-to-be-determined restoration costs for the monument; other union groups followed suit with checks ranging from \$200 to \$5,000, the latter from UMWA headquarters.



Union archives show the monument, dedicated in 1918, was made by a Springfield, Ill., company from granite mined in Vermont. Union officials have sent documentation and photographs of the memorial to a California stone conservator, who is expected to do an on-site assessment and present a budget for restoration.

Union chief Roberts assured the crowd that the monument would again be made whole. Describing the Ludlow dead as "American heroes" and "freedom fighters," he urged solidarity and perseverance during what he and other speakers characterized as a grave time for American workers struggling to preserve jobs and benefits.

University of Denver anthropologist Dean Saitta told the crowd, "It's always the best and most powerful monuments that are targeted for destruction,

because they function so superbly in the struggle for hearts and minds,"

Saitta and other scholars are leading an archaeological project to recover artifacts from the Ludlow site, where strikers and their families spent the bitter winter of 1913-14 living in a tent colony. The monument's desecration is "a reflection of the state of the country right now, an assault on organized labor," Saitta said.

