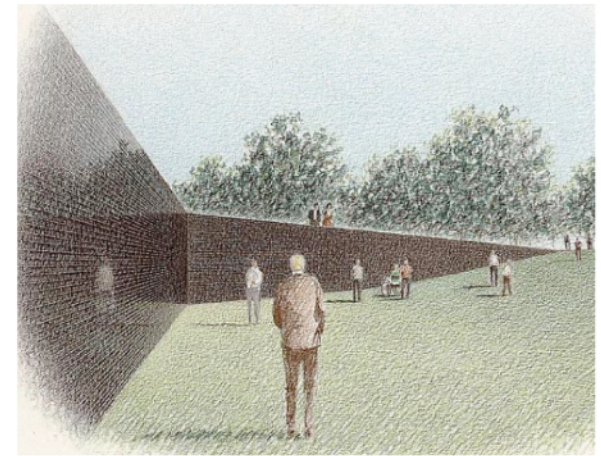


Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was the idea of Vietnam veteran Jan Scruggs, who raised money on his own to include a tribute to fallen Vietnam soldiers in the capital of the country they fought for. The memorial consists of three parts: the Women's Memorial, the "Three Servicemen" statue, and the Memorial Wall, which is inscribed with the names of every Vietnam veteran killed during the war. The memorial was designed by college student Maya Ying Lin, who entered a competition held to determine the look of the memorial. It was opened to the public in 1982 in Constitution Gardens, just north of the National Mall. Family members of Vietnam veterans often come to the wall to find the names of loved ones and make rubbings of the names as keepsakes.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Vocabulary

Veteran: A person who is experienced in a certain activity, or someone who served in a particular war. "I'm a veteran police officer with 30 years on the force."

Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Many people did not agree with the Vietnam War because they felt it was unnecessary, and did not support the soldiers that fought there. Do you think a monument should have been built to commemorate them? Why or why not?