



The Montagu Monuments

Monument 01 John, 2nd Duke of Montagu

01

Look up at the monument of Duke John. He is displayed on a medallion in the centre, surrounded by the things that were important in his life.

1

Try and match the following parts of the monument to the things in John's life they represent. One has been completed for you:

Life

His courage in fighting

His sad death

His career in the army

His loving wife Mary



Monument

The torch of life being put out by a crying child

Woman looking up longingly at John

Cannon balls, military equipment, flags and trumpet

Military medals held by his wife

Helpful vocabulary

Military: relating to the army, war, or the life of a soldier

Menagerie: a collection of wild or unusual animals, usually kept for show - like a private zoo

2

Duke John has a magnificent monument because he was very important in society. If you became famous and had a monument built to remember you by, what three items might be displayed on it to tell the story of your life?

Think about things you like to do and people that are important to you.

3

There are many other parts of John's personality that are not represented in the monuments:

✂ He had wonderful sense of humour and often played practical jokes on his friends!

✂ His gardening hobby gave him the nickname 'John the Planter' because he wanted to plant a line of trees all the way to London!

✂ He had a deep love of animals and often saved old and lame animals when others no longer wanted them - he even rescued a lion with no teeth from the menagerie at the Tower of London!

Read carefully through these instructions John left for the care of his pet lion. Some of the words are missing. Use the words from the box below to complete the instructions for John's manservant.



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2
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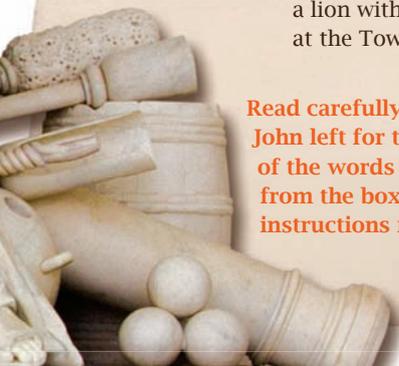
General Instructions

Lion must never be ----- at all, but to go where he will except into the -----, where he must not go for fear he should be drowned. He must be free of the Old Pantry & be fed there. To have Boyled Meat, no Horse Flesh, nor no ----- given him. To lye every night in his ----- by the Old Pantry. To have his ----- fill'd every morning with ----- . And to have fresh straw in his House twice a week.

trough
Bones

locked up
House

fresh water
garden





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Monument

02

Mary, 2nd Duchess of Montagu

Look carefully at the monument of Lady Mary Churchill. Every part has a story to tell. Match the clues in the speech bubbles with the numbered labels to unlock the hidden meaning of each symbol. Two have been filled in for you.

1

Coronet



I am one of the three goddesses of fate. The thread of life is wound around my staff because I am in charge of birth.

I am

3

My job is to help the three fates by holding the spindle of the thread of life.

I am

7

2

Flowers



I am another of the fates. I spin the thread of life and decide how long it should be. My face is shocked because the thread of Mary's life has been cut short.

I am



I am the oldest of the fates. I am in charge of death, cutting the thread of life with my shears.

I am



I look like a small crown and am often worn on the head. Here, I am being used to hold up Mary's family crest.

I am



I represent death. My sculptor made me very life-like.

I am



We are being arranged around an urn by some putti.

I am



3

Clotho



6

Lachesis



5

Skull



7

Putto



4

Atropos



Helpful vocabulary

Fates: three goddesses in charge of birth, life and death in Greek and Roman Mythology

Putto: a child who looks like a cherub

Putti: more than one putto

Family crest: a unique symbol designed to represent a family surname

Spindle: the stick thread is wound around as it is spun



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Monument 03 Mary, 3rd Duchess of Montagu

03

This monument is for Lady Mary Montagu, daughter of John and Mary.

1

On the right are the women and orphans that Mary helped during her life. They are all in mourning for Mary's death but an angel is trying to comfort them by pointing upwards. What do you think she is trying to say?



2

Look carefully at the three frames behind the figures. Copy the design of each one into the blank frames below.



Sewing

One of Mary's favourite pastimes was sewing and she loved fashion.

Death

The torch of life has been turned upside down, putting out the flame.

Painting

Mary loved to collect art from around the world.

3

The business of death was very expensive for someone as important as Mary. Her funeral alone cost her husband £270 (around £32,400 today!) and this monument cost even more. Use these bills from sculptor Peter Mathias Van Gelder to work out the total cost of the monument. Some of the working out has been done for you:

September 1777 to March 1780
His Grace the Duke of Montagu
Expenses attending the putting
up the Monument at Warkton
and Chancel
£61.30
P. M. Van Gelder

London May 5th 1779
His Grace the Duke of
Montagu
£1500 agreed upon for a
monument
P. M. Van Gelder

March 1780 to October 1781
His Grace the Duke of Montagu
For expenses of packing cases for
the monument
£91.18
P. M. Van Gelder

Cost of Mary's
monument
£ 1500 . 00
£ 91 . 18
£ 61 . 30

£ 1652 . --
1

You can work out how much
this would be today by
multiplying your total by 120!



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Monument 04 Elizabeth Montagu, Duchess of Buccleuch

This monument is for Lady Elizabeth Montagu, daughter of Lady Mary Montagu.

1 Use the words in the box to label this monument of Lady Elizabeth Montagu.

- Crown of poppies
- Bible
- Hypnos (the angel of sleep)
- Torch of life
- Elizabeth
- Scribe (writer)
- Pot of scrolls



2 The dates on this monument are written in Roman numerals. The ancient Roman number system used letters to represent numbers. Use the code in the box to work out the date of Elizabeth's death, by adding all of the letters together like a sum. The year has been done for you as an example.

Roman numerals codebreaker

I = 1 V = 5 X = 10 L = 50
C = 100 D = 500 M = 1000

Year:

The monument says Elizabeth died in the year MDCCCXXVII:

$$\begin{array}{r} M = 1000 \\ D = 500 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} M \\ D \end{array}} \right\} = 1500$$

$$\begin{array}{r} C = 100 \\ C = 100 \\ C = 100 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} C \\ C \\ C \end{array}} \right\} = 300$$

$$\begin{array}{r} X = 10 \\ X = 10 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} X \\ X \end{array}} \right\} = 20$$

$$\begin{array}{r} V = 5 \\ I = 1 \\ I = 1 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} V \\ I \\ I \end{array}} \right\} = 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Total} \\ \hline = 1827 \end{array}$$

Answer: Elizabeth died in the year 1827

Date: XXI

Use this space for your working out

Answer: Elizabeth died on the of November

3 Read through the other words carefully. Why do you think the torch of life is longer in this monument?

Clue: See if you can find her age!

Answer:



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