


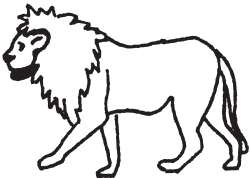

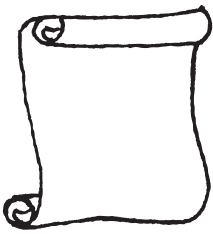

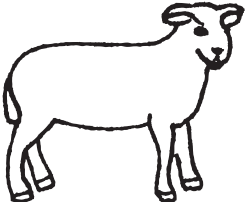






SCAVENGER HUNT: Finding Symbols in Stone #1

You may have noticed that many of the monuments here at Green-Wood feature familiar objects and shapes. These are actually symbols that may stand for something entirely different than what they are, often an idea or a feeling. To complete this game, walk around Green-Wood, pay attention to the monuments around you and try to find all of the objects listed below. See if you can find more than one of these symbols on the same stone!

✓ Make a check mark in the left column for each of the symbols you spot (even if you find more than one)!

✓		ANCHOR The anchor is a symbol of hope. Sometime it is pictured with a statue of a woman who personifies hope. It may also be used to denote the grave of a seafaring man.
✓		CROWN A crown is a symbol of victory, leadership and importance. It may also suggest the concepts of immortality and resurrection. In the Christian tradition, it may serve as a symbol for God.
✓		URN An ancient Greek symbol of mourning, the urn originated as the container used to hold cremated bodies. It has come to be a symbol of the human body as a vessel of the soul. Many appear partly covered by a cloth which is thought to be representative of the separation between heaven and earth, or perhaps a symbol of sorrow and mourning.
✓		LION The lion is a symbol of courage, vitality and strength. They are often seen "guarding" the doors of mausoleums or tombs.
✓		OBELISK The obelisk is another common decorative element at Green-Wood. Obelisks are derived from Egyptian art where they were representative of a ray of sunlight. In funerary architecture, they may symbolize the ascent into heaven after death, due to the way they point upward. The obelisk may appear draped with a cloth, symbolizing sorrow or mourning.

✓		<p>SCROLL The image of an unraveled scroll symbolizes life and time. This image may also signify honor and commemoration.</p>
✓		<p>OPEN BOOK The image of an open book suggests the way in which names of people would be recorded after death. To the religious, it may be representative of "the book of life," in which God recorded the names of all individuals destined for heaven. Another interpretation is that the open book is like an open heart, its thoughts and feelings shared with the world.</p>
✓		<p>LAMB The lamb is a symbol of innocence, gentleness and humility and is often found on the graves of children or infants.</p>
✓		<p>SPHERE The sphere or circle signifies perfection or eternity because of its round shape. It may also refer to the afterlife.</p>
✓		<p>JOINED HANDS A pair of clasped hands indicates a close bond between individuals, often referring to marriage. It also may indicate that one hand is taking the other to lead that person to heaven.</p>
✓		<p>BROKEN COLUMN A column that is broken in two pieces, or appears to have had the top portion broken off is a symbol of death, suggesting that a life has ended too soon. Broken columns may also appear draped in a cloth, signifying mourning.</p>
✓		<p>HOURGLASS The hourglass is a symbol of passing time. Often appearing with wings, it recalls the old saying that "time flies."</p>