

Robert Shaw Memorial, 1884–1897 by Augustus Saint-Gaudens [1848–1907]

1. Find a drum.
2. Where are the flags?
3. Look closely at the individual faces. Which ones wear mustaches and beards?
4. How are the foot soldiers dressed?
5. What do they carry on their backs?
6. What else do they carry?
7. Compare the foot soldiers' dress to Colonel Shaw's.
8. What does Shaw hold?
9. Often, artists can create rhythm in works of visual art. How did Saint-Gaudens create a sense of rhythm in this relief?
10. How did Saint-Gaudens create a sense of depth in this sculpture? How do you know that some soldiers are closer to viewers than others?
11. Which figure is closest to the viewer (in highest relief)?
12. Who is in command?
13. How do you know?
14. This was commissioned to honor and remember Robert Shaw, but who else does it commemorate?
15. Why do you think this monument was made of bronze rather than marble or wood?
16. What does the winged figure in the sky hold?
17. What do these things represent? Why?
18. What do you think this figure in the sky represents? Why?

Historical Connections: Civil War; Massachusetts Fifty-fourth Regiment; Abolitionists; Bloody Kansas; Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry; Underground Railroad

Historical Figures: Robert Gould Shaw; Frederick Douglass; John Brown; Harriet Tubman; Sojourner Truth; William Lloyd Garrison

Geography: James Island, S.C.; Morris Island, S.C. (the battle at Fort Wagner, also called Battery Wagner); Charleston Harbor (principal port of the Confederate Army)

Literary Connections and Primary Documents: *Frederick Douglass: The Black Lion*, Patricia McKissack; *Walking the Road to Freedom: A Story about Sojourner Truth*, Jeri Ferris; *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Harriet Beecher Stowe; "Frederick Douglass" and "Harriet Beecher Stowe," Paul Lawrence Dunbar; "Colonel Shaw and the Massachusetts 54th" and "For the Union Dead," Robert Lowell; *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, Frederick Douglass; Booker T. Washington's speech at the unveiling of the *Shaw Memorial* (1897)

Arts: relief sculpture; beaux-arts movement; American Renaissance