

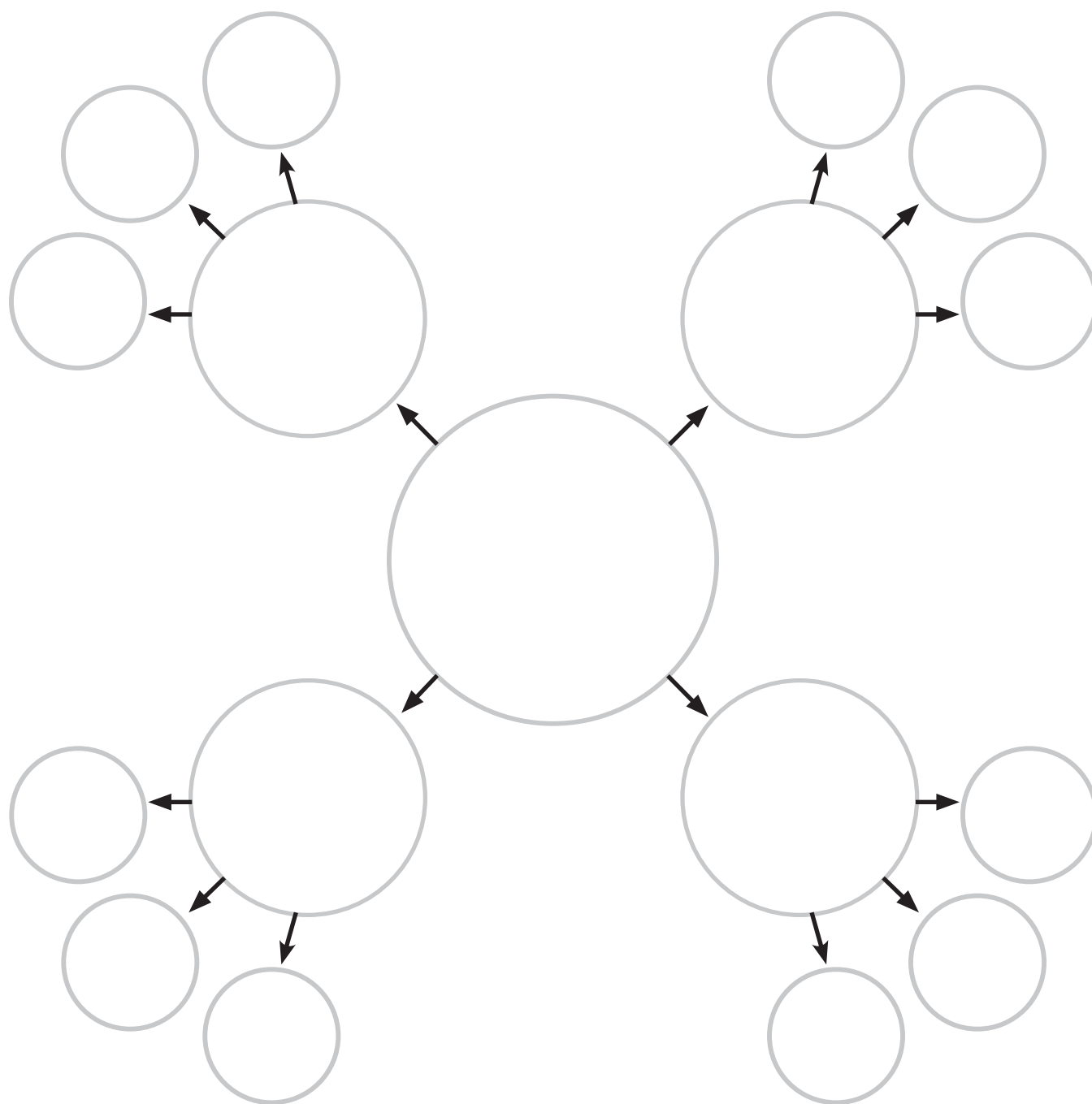


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What Makes a Mother Special?

Moms are special people. We might know someone else who is like a mom to us. That person could be an aunt or grandmother. She might be a good friend of the family. What makes mothers, and other people who care for us like a mom, special? Use the web below to brainstorm your ideas. Use your notes from the graphic organizer to write a poem about what makes a mother special.





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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Washington, D.C. has a special cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery is for soldiers. On a hill, there is a white marble tomb. An unknown soldier is buried in the tomb. He fought in World War I. Three figures are engraved in the marble. They stand for peace, victory, and valor. We honor those who fought in wars for their courage. The stone also has words etched on it. This is what it says:

Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.

Other markers have been added to the memorial site. The markers are flat slabs made of white marble. They honor unknown soldiers from other wars. The soldiers fought in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam.

A guard watches the tomb every day of the year. There is a guard on duty day and night. They stand guard in all kinds of weather. The guard changes once an hour in the winter. In the summer, the guard changes every half hour. The guard marches 21 steps. He waits 21 seconds. Then he turns and waits another 21 seconds. The guard marches 21 steps again in front of the tomb. The highest military honor is a 21-gun salute. Volunteers serve as guards. They go through training. Part of their training is to learn the history of the cemetery. The guards think it is an honor to remember soldiers who served our country.

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1. Underline a sentence that helps you understand the meaning of the word *valor*.
 2. Which war is not remembered at this particular memorial?
 - a. Civil War
 - b. World War I
 - c. Korean War
 3. According to the passage, what is one thing the guards learn?
 - a. a 22-gun salute
 - b. how many steps they must run up
 - c. the history of the cemetery
 4. Why do you think these soldiers are "unknown"?

 5. On the back of the page, explain why it is important to honor and remember soldiers who fought for our freedom.