

3. Write a brief analysis of what we know about each of the stones. Your analysis should include the following information
 1. What is the symbolism in each section of the stone (Lunette, Inscription, Finial, Border)? What is the underlying message?
 2. How would you characterize the person's religious beliefs based on these symbols?
 3. What did the family value about the person?
 4. How did either race or gender impact what was said about the person?

4. For one of the people in your cemetery, draw a stone in the style of one of the other people in the cemetery. How does it change the meaning of the memorial?

5. NCH said that historians debate whether (1) "the vitality and integrity of Puritanism as a cultural force was sapped and finally spent by broader social and intellectual challenges" or (2) "Puritanism's influence held sway ... well into the eighteenth century and that all inhabitants of the region as a whole long remained steeped in Puritan values and spirituality." Based on the gravestones you read for today, who do you think is correct?