CRITERIA OF SIGNIFICANCE

(Relating to events – can we apply the same to memorials?)

Rob Phillips - GREAT:

* G roundbreaking
* R emembered
* E ffects that are far-reaching
* A ffecting the future
* T errifying

Phillips, R ‘Historical Significance – The Forgotten Key Element’? Teaching History 106, Citizens & Communities Edition

Christine Counsell - 5 Rs:

* R emarkable – at the time and/or since
* R emembered - it was important at some stage in history within the collective memory of a group or groups
* R esulted in change – consequences for the future
* R esonant (ripples) - people like to make analogies with it; it is possible to connect with experiences, beliefs or situations across time & space
* R evealing - of some other aspect of the past


Partington’s model:

1. **Importance** to people living at the time
2. **Profundity** how deeply people’s lives were affected by it
3. **Quantity** how many lives were affected
4. **Durability** for how long people’s lives were affected
5. **Relevance** the extent to which the event has contributed to an increased understanding of present life