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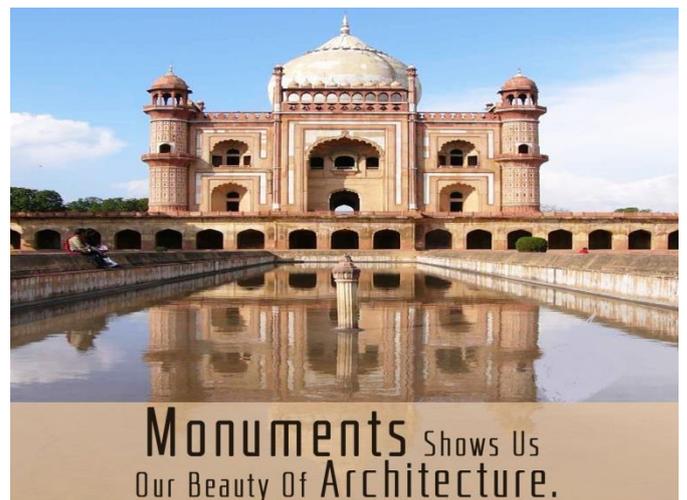
**CHAPTER 14.**  
**Our Rich Heritage**  
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**Learning Objectives:**

- To give students an idea about the importance of monuments.
- To make them aware of how to look after our monuments.
- To enhance the cognitive and critical thinking among them.

**Importance of Monuments**

- Buildings of historical importance are called monuments.
- They tell us about the time they belong.  
They inform us about the social life, religious beliefs, the culture and the knowledge of the people and about the period in which the monuments were built.
- Temples, forts, palaces, stupas, and monasteries make the past come alive.



These are the important parts which help us in getting closer to our ancient history.

- These monuments are the contemplation of our ancestors. They tell us about the lifestyle of our forefathers, about how they used to live.
- Monuments and buildings inform us everything in detail about everything.

- There are the written records engraved on rocks, cave walls, metal pillars, walls of temples and palaces, and on clay and copper tablets.
- In Early times, kings got the important events in their reign and their achievements were inscribed on the walls so that people could read them. These Inscriptions provide us with the most valid proof of ancient times.

### How to look after our monuments

We have read about some majestic historical monuments in India. Monuments like these are a very important part of our cultural heritage and it is our duty to take care of them.

- We should not write on the walls of these monuments.
- We should never litter the premises of these monuments.
- We should not damage the monuments in any way.

