



# The Case of the Counterfeit Painting

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## Summer Reading List Activity

After reading *The Case of the Counterfeit Painting* by Angela D. Moss, learn more about the Historical Marker Program and history in your area.

### Background

In *The Case of the Counterfeit Painting* Morgan and Brad learn specifically about the history of Pittsburgh. When Morgan and her family visit Bessemer Court, Morgan reads the historical marker describing the Clinton

Furnace. Read this marker for yourself at

<https://explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerId=1-A-2B8>.

Historical markers are found throughout the United States as part of the US Historical Marker program as well as state and local programs. Read more about these programs at <https://www.erialandmark.com/us-historical-markers/>. Notice the difference in the signage between the various programs.

### Activity

Use the internet at home or a library (and with a parent's permission and assistance if needed) to locate historical markers, highway markers, and war memorials in your area. A good search to try is "<your town> historical marker" or "<your town> war memorial". (Morgan would search for "Manteno, IL historical marker" and "Manteno, IL war memorial") Take a walk near your home to find and read these markers or memorials.

1. What new information are you able to learn about your area?
2. Is there further research you would like to do to learn more about local history?
3. Does your town have a historical society dedicated to the area where you can learn more?