

MONUMENTS & MEMORY

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What shapes our understanding of
history?



- Traces
 - Artifacts/Objects
 - Classic literature
 - Music
 - Architecture
 - Monuments
- Interpretation
 - History books
 - Historical fiction
 - Films
 - Monuments

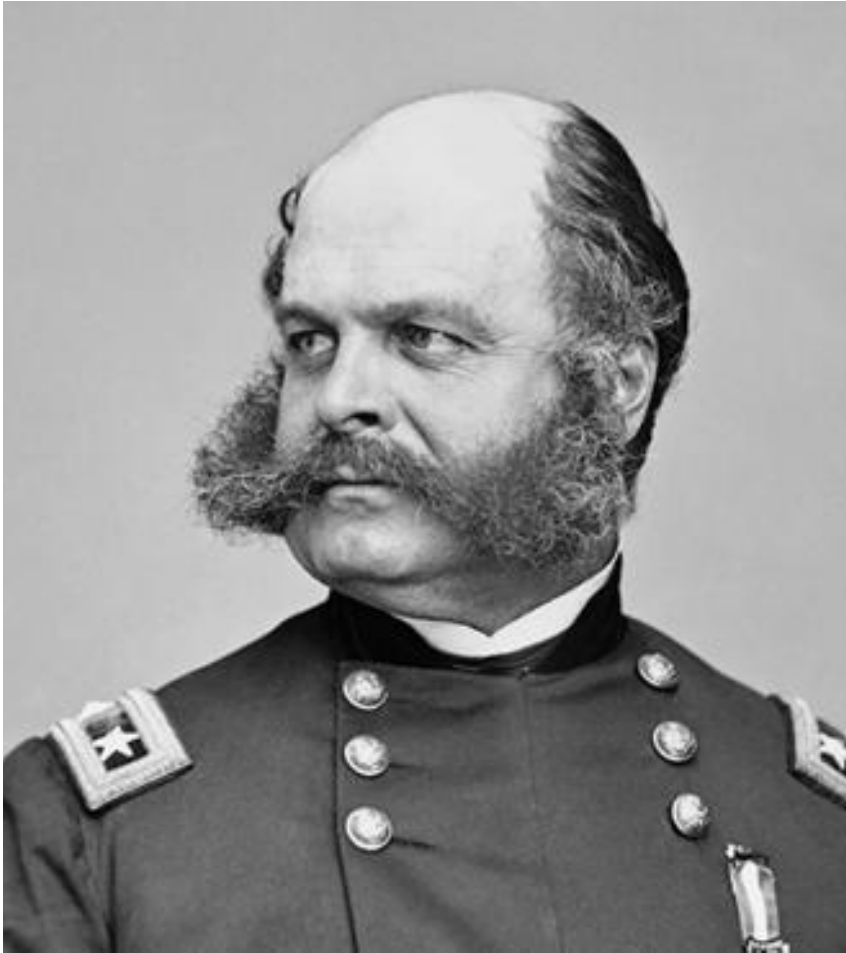
Biased and narrow representations of
the past



"Thus monuments are lasting incentives, to those who view them, to imitate the virtues they commemorate, and attain, by their life and spirit, glory and honor."

– Chief orator at the dedication of the Mary Washington monument at Mount Vernon





- Railroad executive
- Military leader of dubious reputation
- Inventor of the Burnside Carbine
- U.S. Senator
- Governor
- 1st president of the NRA, sideburn enthusiast

Ambrose Burnside





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DEDICATION
— OF THE —
Bartholdi Statue of Columbus.



Columbus Park,

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Providence, November 8, 1893.

AT 2.30 O'CLOCK. —————

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“Moreover, the ethnic character of a people was never more suitably adapted to its physical environment and to its political mission than that of the dominant race in the New World.

That grand struggle for supremacy in the beginning was the first crucial test in our history. Then and there was decided the fate of this Republic.”

-Professor Alonso Williams

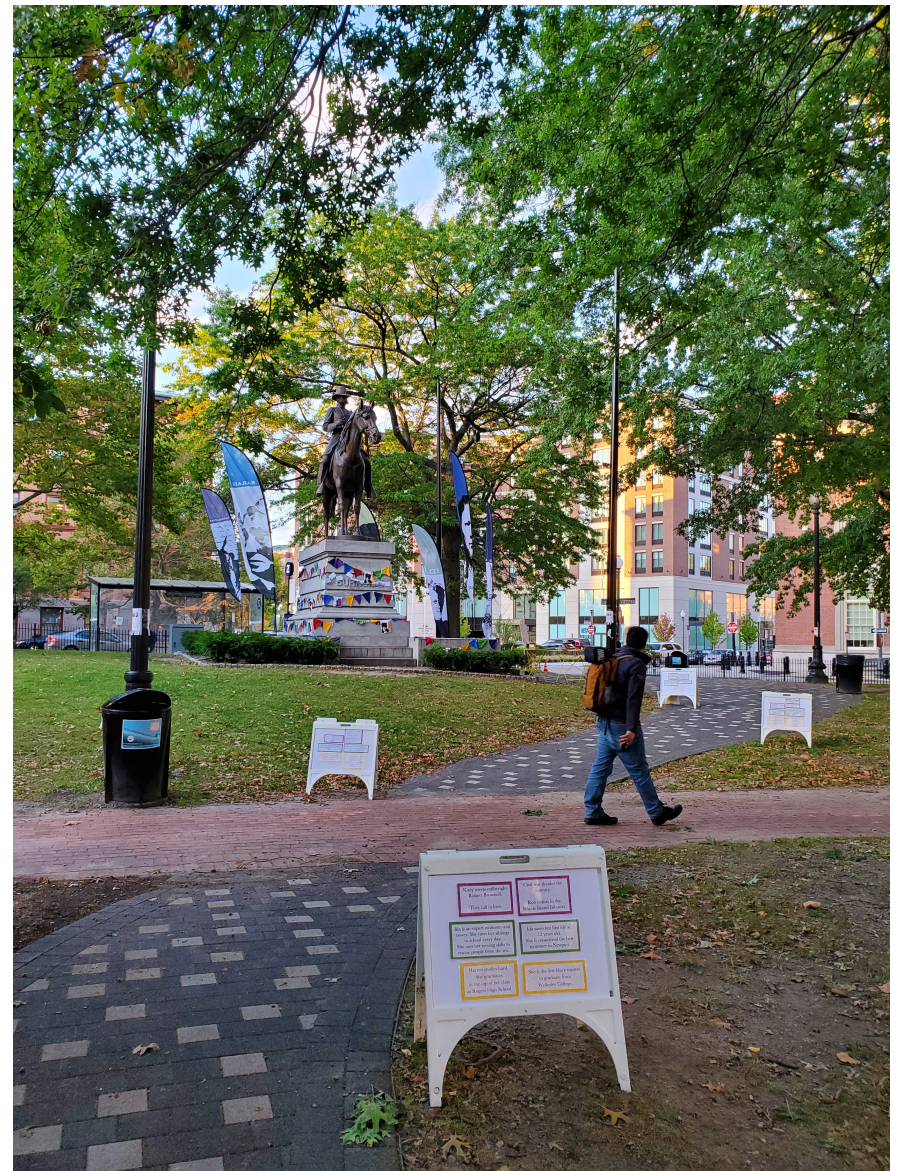


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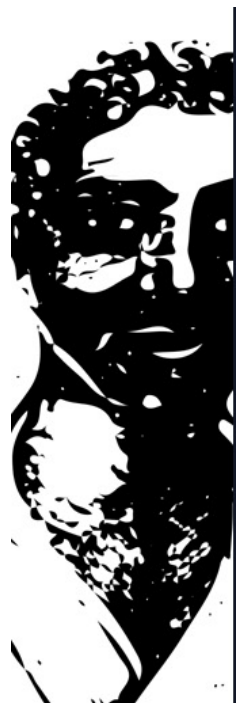


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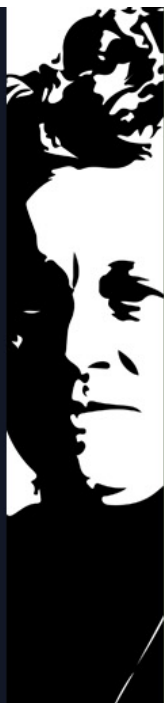
- Revision and Repair
- Reclaiming Public Space
- Democratizing the practice of monument building



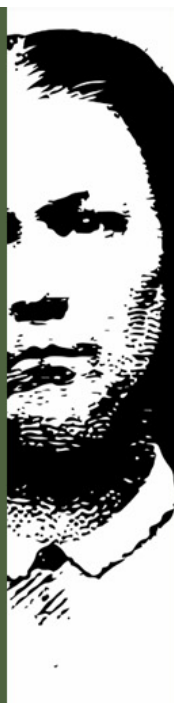
My Living Monument



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