

## The Wall

*Narrator: This is a skit written by the Social Activism Magnet about how two students visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. They have little knowledge of it, but soon find out more when they meet up with a visiting family who tells them what the wall is all about.*

### Scene One

*Amy: Cole, do you know why we have to come to this wall anyway? Do you even know what is on it?*

*Cole: No, but I am guessing that it is something to do with important people who have helped our country. Like the presidents and governors.*

*Amy: Maybe you're right, I guess we will just have to find out. Come on Cole.*

### Scene Two

*(At the Wall)*

*Cole: Wow! Look at all those names. I'm pretty sure that there aren't that many presidents. It seems to go on forever!*

*Amy: Yah, I wish I knew who these names belonged to...*

*(Voice behind them speaks as Mr. Maguire walks onstage)*

*Mr. Maguire: Excuse me? I couldn't help but hear that you were wondering who the names belonged to. I'm Mr. Maguire.*

*Amy: Hi I'm Amy, and this is my friend Cole.*

*Mr. Maguire: I'm Mr. Maguire and these are our children Liz and Jason. Our family comes to visit the wall quite often, and if you'd like we can answer any questions you might have to give you a better idea of the walls meaning.*

*Cole: That would be great. We came here as an assignment for our field trip, and were kind of confused about what this is.*

*Amy: My guess was that it was a wall that had names people who helped our country. Like the president.*

*Mr. Maguire: Your partially right. The wall does have people who helped our country, but not by being president.*

These names belonged to soldiers who died in the Vietnam War.

Cole: Why did they make a wall with their names on it?

Liz: Because what the soldiers did for our country was noble and brave, and we think that it is nice tribute if we had their names on a memorial for everyone to see. It would remind people of how brave the casualties were.

Amy: So it's sort of like we were returning the favor by respecting and honoring them.

Liz: Exactly. Though our favor isn't nearly big.

Amy: If I had someone, who I wanted to find on here, it would take hours because of the wall's size, Right?

Mrs. Maguire: The makers of the wall thought of that, and put the names on the wall in order of when they fought in it. So here, if I wanted to find someone who I knew fought in 1966, then I would look down the wall until I found that section and it makes it a lot easier.

Cole: That is really cool!

(Someone comes on stage and places a flower at the foot of the wall)

Cole: Is the walls only purpose to honor the soldiers?

Mr. Maguire: No. It is a place that those who lost someone in the Vietnam War can come visit and remember their loved ones. As you can see. (Points)

Cole: Sort of like a gravestone for thousands of people...

Mr. Maguire: Kind of, but not exactly a gravestone, because no soldiers are buried under the wall, it is a memorial so that people can remember the soldiers.

Amy: Oooh... These men must have been really brave to go and fight knowing that they could die.

Mrs. Maguire: You are right, but there are not only men on the wall, but also women. Lots of them.

Amy: The women fought?

*Liz: Most of them were nurses, who would tend to wounded soldier right on the battlefield, very few fought.*

*Jason: It's good that the women are remembered too. Without them there could've been a much different turnout of the war.*

*Cole: You must come here a lot to know all of this information.*

*Mr. Maguire: It's because my father John Maguire has his name on the wall. We come here to remember him.*

*Amy: Oh I'm so sorry. I didn't know.*

*Mr. Maguire: It's all right. I'm really proud of my dad. It's nice to be able to come whenever I want to visit him.*

*Mrs. Maguire: Yes.*

*(Teacher calls from off of the stage) Amy! Cole! Time to come back! The bus is leaving!*

*Amy: We've got to go now, but thank you so much for telling us about the Vietnam Wall.*

*Cole: Yes, thank you.*

*Mrs. Maguire: It was no trouble at all. We're happy to help.*

*Amy and Cole: Goodbye!*

*The Brook family: Goodbye!*

*(While walking off stage)  
Cole: That wall is amazing!*

*Amy: Yes, and now we know it's importance  
(They walk off the stage)*

*THE END*