

The Cross as Symbol

On a lonely stretch of highway just outside of Groom, Texas, stands a nineteen-story, 192-foot cross weighing 1,250 tons. The cross can be seen for miles in any direction. The arm span is 110 feet across. It took eight months to construct. On a small hill facing this cross there are three bronze crosses depicting the crucifixion of Jesus and the two thieves crucified with him. The base of the cross is surrounded by life-sized bronze statues depicting Jesus carrying the cross to Calvary. To see images of the cross go to www.crossministries.net.

Discuss

What impact do you think this cross has on people living in the surrounding area?

Have you ever worn a cross as a piece of jewellery? Why or why not?

What does it mean for you to wear (not to wear) a cross?

Activity

Find different representations of the cross from different cultures and sketch them in the space below