STRUCTURAL PARTS OF A MONUMENT

1. **BASE**: Bottom-most piece(s) of stone in a monument. It is set on the foundation and provides a visual foundation for the rest of the work. Some monuments contain a second base to provide a more elaborate setting for the work.

2. **DIE**: Major component of the monument. It often contains decorative carving and inscriptions.

3. **PLINTH**: Decorative member of the monument. It is usually located above the die and below the cap. It may contain elaborate moldings and carving.

4. **CAP**: Top-most piece of the monument. May contain more carving and molding. It may be peaked, rounded or irregular.