



MONAS



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Identify the *generic structure* of the descriptive text below.

Name : _____

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There are three areas you can explore inside the monument. First, is the semi-basement area, where Museum Sejarah Nasional (The National History Museum) is located. This museum displays many dioramas depicting the important points in the long history of Indonesia. Next, take some stairs to the second area called *cawan*. It is the flat area surrounding the tower. Actually, there is nothing here. The view is good because it is several meters higher from the ground and the area near the monument are clear of any high objects (e.g. trees), but that's about it. The third area you can access is the observation deck on the top. Why do people enthuse to go to the observation deck at the peak of Monas? The answer is the incredible view from more than 100 meters above ground! We can see Jakarta from different angle. From far above, Istana Merdeka, the Presidential Palace looks tiny. You also can use the telescopes provided to see the view in more detail.

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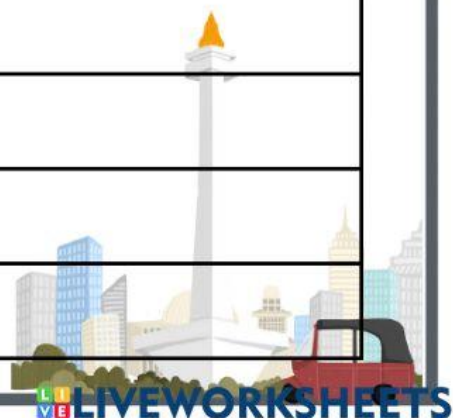
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What is the social function of the text above?

What is the second paragraph about?

What paragraph that tells you about the activities can be done in Monas?

