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2. Which U.S. presidents are buried in Arlington National Cemetery?

3. How many national cemeteries does the U.S. Army run? _____

4. Which of the following is a synonym for *identical*?

a. expensive b. same c. gorgeous d. sturdy

5. What is the purpose of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier? Why do you think it always has guards?

ANSWER KEY

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