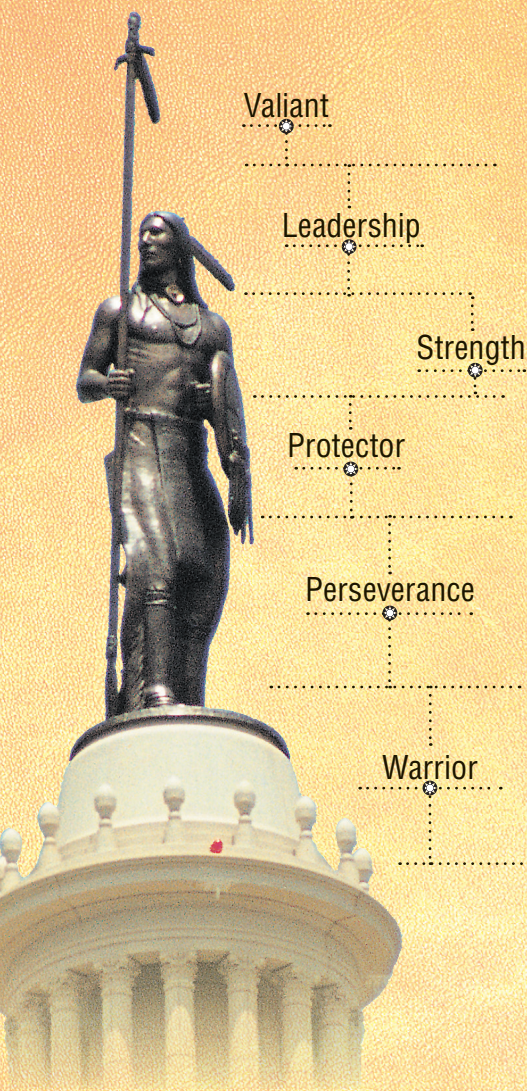


## Lesson 2: Governance

### *The Guardian—Standing His Ground*



Across the state there are many contemporary public art pieces for the community to appreciate and learn from. One of the most important public artworks in the state is *The Guardian*, which stands vigil atop the Oklahoma State Capitol. The 22-foot sculpture, created by former Senator and Seminole artist Enoch Kelly Haney, holds a great deal of symbolism and important meaning. It represents the strong citizens of the state and reminds the public of the Native people here today and the tumultuous journey they made to Oklahoma. For the legislative representatives who work at the Capitol, *The Guardian* serves as a constant reminder of their responsibility to the citizens of Oklahoma.

#### Activity:

- What does the sculpture *The Guardian* represent to you, personally?
- What do you think *The Guardian* represent to the public?
- When you see the sculpture what words come to mind?
- Use the word chart to fill in the blank spaces with descriptive words.
- Use the words you come up with to create a poem about *The Guardian*.



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