Type of burial space	Physical characteristics	Ownership and purpose	Sacredness	Identity of the deceased
Cemetery	* location close to/outside to settlement * larger size * gate and boundary * internal demarcation	* varied ownership but principally secular * purpose varied over time * burial of an entire community	* presence of the recently bereaved * local pilgrimage over generations * permanence	* protecting and celebrating some individual identities; corpse integrity key
Churchyard\	* location close to/within settlement * smaller size * gate * limited internal demarcation	* Church ownership * spiritual benefits accrued from usage * burial of an exclusive community	* religious ritual * local pilgrimage * limited pilgrimage in recent time erodes sacredness * lacking permanence	* congregation more important than individual; corpse integrity not key
Burial ground	* location close to settlement * size varied * physical characteristics differentiated	* ownership by distinctive sub-group * purpose including ethnic, national, religious expression * burial of a defined sub-community	* possible religious ritual * limited pilgrimage over time eradicates sacredness * lacking permanence	* distinctive group identity celebrated; importance of corpse identity variable
Mass burial	* location not connected to settlement * small size * no external or internal demarcation	* no ownership * purposes varied but including exigency, punishment and the concealment of murder or genocide	* limited original pilgrimage * may accrue national or international pilgrimage over time * may gain permanence depending on politics	* no acknowledgement of identity; punishment through anonymity and random placement
War cemetery	* location in war zone * size variable * gate and boundary with uniform design features * strict internal demarcation	* national ownership * practical and national political purposes	* national and international pilgrimage * permanence dependent on politics	* political meaning attached to corpse identity and integrity
Pantheon	* variable physical characteristics	* national ownership * national political purposes	* sacred through presence of 'celebrity dead' * national and international pilgrimage	* corpse not always present; corpse integrity not important.

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