

Washington, D.C.

Located on the Potomac River, between Maryland and Virginia, Washington, D.C., has been the capitol of the United States since 1800. It is full of historical landmarks and places to see, especially if you like presidents!

One of the most popular attractions is the White House, located on Pennsylvania Avenue. Completed in 1800, the White House would forever serve as the home of the president and his immediate family. John Adams, not George Washington, would become the first president to live in it. Believe it or not, the White House is a great place for kids to live. It has a movie theater and a bowling alley!

Washington also features three famous monuments to former presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln. The Washington Monument is a large obelisk that rises 555 feet into the sky. It is named after George Washington, who always referred to the city named after him as "Federal City". Construction of the monument was completed in 1884, 36 years after it started. The Washington Monument was the world's tallest structure until 1889, when the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, was completed.

The Jefferson Memorial is dedicated to the author of the Declaration of Independence and 3rd president, Thomas Jefferson. The Jefferson Memorial was completed in 1943. A 10,000 pound bronze statue of Jefferson lies inside. The walls are inscribed with passages from several of his famous documents. Nearly two and half million people visit the Jefferson Memorial every year.

The Lincoln Memorial is dedicated to Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States during the Civil War. The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated by President Warren G. Harding in 1922 and was influenced by the Temple of Zeus in Greece. Inside the memorial is a huge sculpture of a seated Lincoln. The Gettysburg Address and the speech from his second inauguration are inscribed in the walls. It was here, in front of 250,000 people, that Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I have a Dream Speech" in 1963.

1.) George Washington referred to the capital city as _____ city.

2.) Who was the first president to live in the White House?

- A. George Washington
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. John Adams
- D. The passage doesn't say

3.) Which of the following is FALSE about the White House?

- A. It was completed in 1800
- B. It has a bowling alley
- C. It has a movie theater
- D. It is located on Maryland Avenue

4.) Where is Washington, D.C., located?

- A. In Virginia
- B. On the Potomac River between Pennsylvania and Maryland
- C. On the Potomac River between Maryland and Virginia
- D. In Maryland

5.) The Washington Monument is _____ hundred feet high.

6.) In front of which monument did Martin Luther King, Jr. give his famous "I Have a Dream" speech?

- A. Washington Monument
- B. Lincoln Memorial
- C. Jefferson Memorial
- D. White House

7.) What would be a good title for this passage?

- A. Washington Architecture
- B. The Lincoln Memorial
- C. Museums of Washington
- D. Presidential Places of Washington

8.) What memorial was influenced by the Temple of Zeus in Greece?

- A. White House
- B. Lincoln Memorial
- C. Jefferson Memorial
- D. Washington Monument

9.) What monument was completed second?

- A. Washington Monument
- B. White House
- C. Lincoln Memorial
- D. Jefferson Memorial

10.) Which monument is dedicated to the author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A. Lincoln Memorial
- B. Jefferson Memorial
- C. White House
- D. Washington Monument