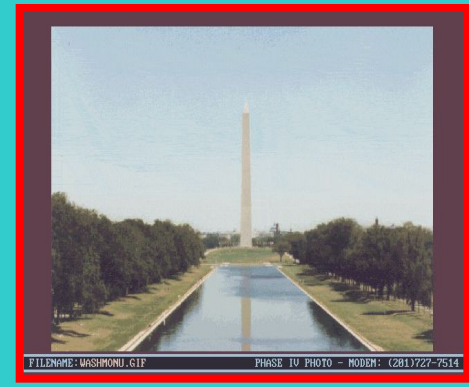
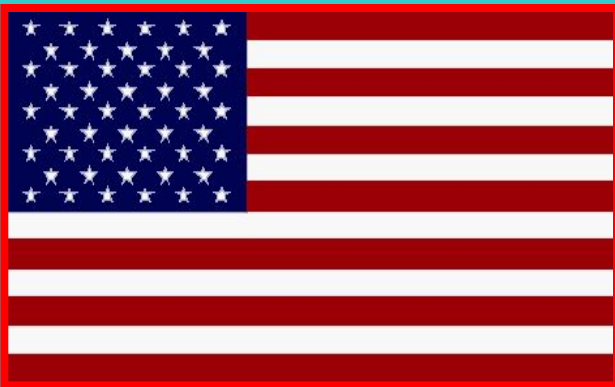


WASHINGTON D.C.





The U S A Capital

Washington, D.C., city and district, capital of the United States of America, located at the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers and flanked by Maryland on the north, east, and southeast and by Virginia on the southwest. The city of Washington is coextensive with the **District of Columbia (D.C.)**, the federal district of the United States..



Washington



Established in 1800 as the seat of national government, a role that still dominates its existence, Washington is today the core of one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country and serves as a center of both national and international politics and diplomacy.

U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Builders laid the cornerstone for the United States Capitol in 1793, and the building has been the seat of the country's Senate and the House of Representatives since 1800. Since its original construction, the Capitol building has been expanded to more than twice its original size. The Rotunda stands 66 m (180 ft) high and is the symbolic center of both Capitol Hill and Washington, D.C. It is **the tallest building** in Washington.



U.S. Supreme Court Justices



This majestic building is the Supreme Court, where the laws are interpreted by the highest judges of the USA.

The framers of the United States Constitution created life tenures for United States Supreme Court justices. Consequently, justices do not face pressures from voters or from the executive and legislative branches of government.

The White House

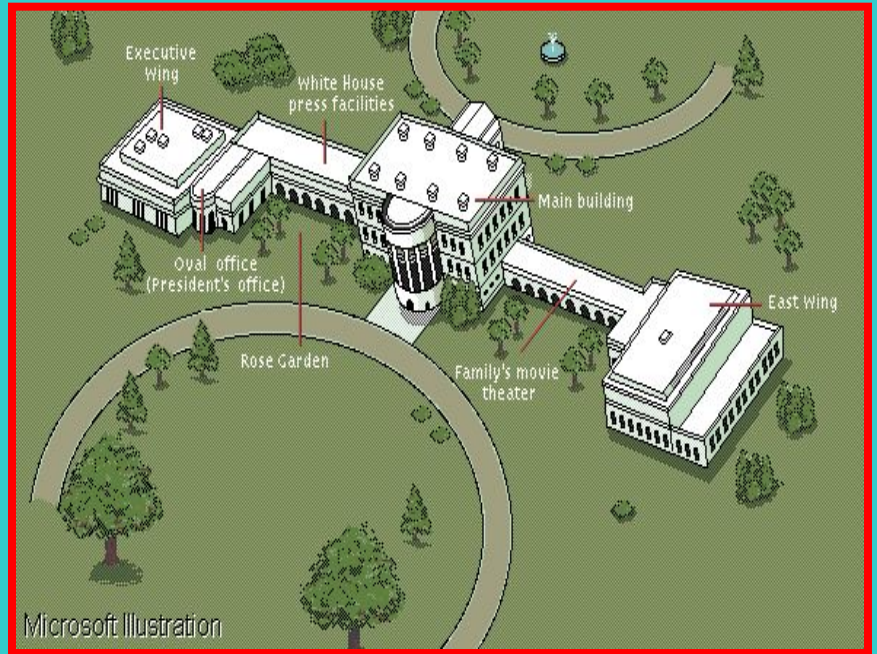


White House, North Portico

Home and office of the United States president, the White House, in Washington, D.C., is one of the nation's most popular tourist attractions. The White House contains 132 rooms, but only 5 of these—the Blue Room, East Room, Green Room, Red Room, and State Dining Room—are open to public visitation.

White House Grounds

The grounds of the White House cover more than 7 hectares (more than 18 acres) on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. The building itself is made of Virginia sandstone and measures 52 by 26 m (170 by 85 ft). The classical structure has an Ionic portico on its north side and a semicircular portico on its southern exposure.



Monuments in Washington, D.C.



The political history of the United States is memorialized in monuments surrounding the Mall, a parklike area in Washington, D.C. Seen here are the Lincoln Memorial, *foreground*, and the 169-m (555-ft) tall Washington Monument, *center*, which were built to honor two of the country's greatest presidents. The dome of the U.S. Capitol is visible in the background.

Washington Monument



This monument was built in honour of George Washington, the first president of the USA.

He led the American army in many battles during the War for American Independence.

The monument is 555 feet tall and provides a panoramic view of Washington, D.C. via elevator.

Jefferson Memorial



The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson, the third president.

The Jefferson Memorial overlooks the south shore of the Tidal Basin, in Washington, D.C. Built in the classical Greco-Roman style favored by Thomas Jefferson, it has 26 Ionic columns.

Inside is a 19-foot statue of Thomas Jefferson standing on a 6-foot pedestal.

Lincoln Memorial



This is the Lincoln Memorial, built in honour of Abraham Lincoln.

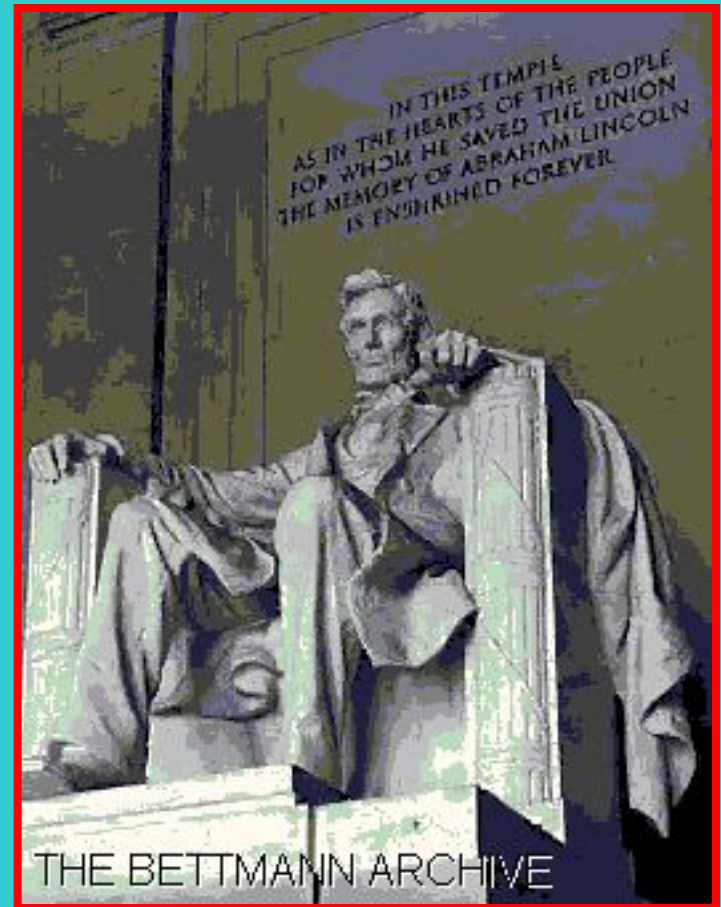
Abraham Lincoln became the sixteenth president in 1861.

Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the blacks in the South from slavery.

Inside the memorial there is a huge statue of the former president.

Statue of Lincoln

A statue of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln is the focal point of the interior of the Lincoln Memorial. The white marble statue, created by sculptor Daniel Chester French, is 5.8 m (19 ft) tall. On the wall behind the statue are inscribed the words, "In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever."



Smithsonian Castle.

The Smithsonian Castle, in Washington, D.C., was constructed in 1855 and originally functioned as a museum.

Today, the Castle houses the administrative offices of the Smithsonian Institution. It is the Smithsonian Information Centre.

Information about special activities at the Washington museums is provided here.



Pentagon

Home of the United States Department of Defense, the Pentagon is the largest office building in the world.

The Pentagon has some of the world's largest telephone, food service, and pneumatic tube systems and includes a 27-hectare (67-acre) parking lot.



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Arlington National Cemetery

An eternal flame, *center*, marks the grave of John F. Kennedy, the 35th president (1961–1963) of the United States, at Arlington National Cemetery.

A federal burial ground, the cemetery contains the remains of 250,000 veterans, their dependents, and political leaders. Most of those interred here were members of the U.S. armed forces killed in battle. Arlington National Cemetery occupies more than 170 hectares (420 acres) in northeastern Virginia.



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