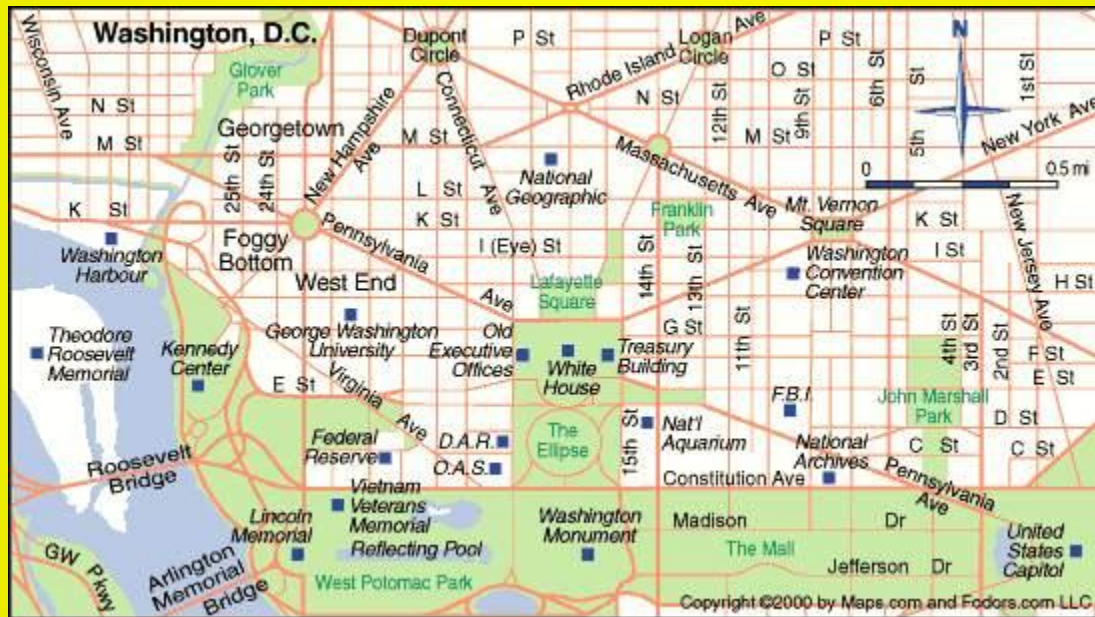


*Welcome to
Washington D.C.!!!*

Washington D.C.



Washington, D.C.

- is situated on both banks of the Potomac river, between the two states, Maryland and Virginia. This place was chosen by the first American President George Washington. The plot of land of a hundred square miles was bought from private owners by the state. The place was called the District of Columbia in honour of Columbus, the discoverer of America. The capital got the name of Washington after the name of its founder. Washington has been the federal capital since 1800.

Sightseeing of Washington D.C.



The Capitol



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The White House



**The
Washington
Monument**

The White House

- The White House is the place where the President of the USA lives and works. It is the official residence of the USA presidents.
- All American presidents except George Washington (the White House was not yet built in his time) have lived in the White House. It was built in 1799. It is said that in 1812 when England was at war with America, the British captured the city, and some of the buildings, including the house of president, were set on fire. In 1814, in order to hide the marks of the fire, the brown stone walls of the president's home were painted white — and it has been the «White House» ever since. The White House is a pleasant two-storeyed house with 132 rooms, 54 of which are reserved only for the private use of the First Family.

The White House



The Capitol



The Capitol

- The capital owes very much to the first President of the United States, George Washington. It was Washington who chose the place for the District and laid in 1790 the cornerstone of the Capitol, where Congress sits. The Capitol is a very high and beautiful building with white marble columns. Topping the dome is the 19th foot bronze statue of Freedom. It is in the centre of the city.
- There are no skyscrapers in Washington because no other building must be taller than the Capitol.

The Capitol



The Library of Congress

- Not far from the Capitol there is the Library of Congress, the largest library in the States. It contains more than 13th million books, more than 19th million manuscripts, including the personal papers of the USA presidents.

The Library of Congress



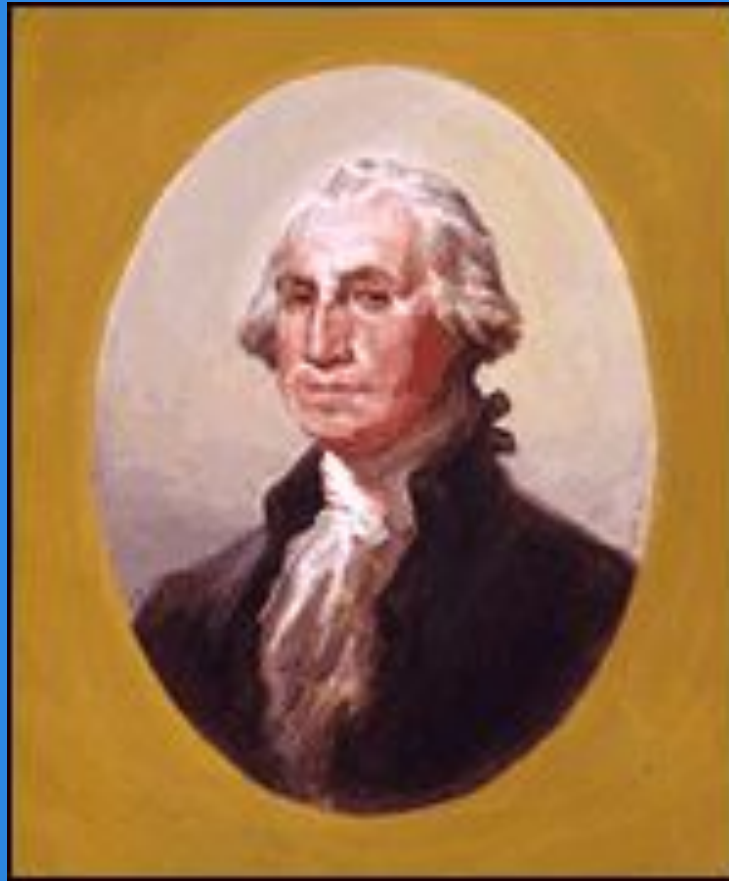
The Washington Monument

- The Washington Monument is one of the city's most impressive sights. It is situated in Potomac Park. It was erected to the memory of the first President of the USA in 1888. The Washington Monument, looked like a very big pencil. It is one of the tallest stone constructions in the world . It rises 160 metres and is hollow inside . A special lift brings visitors to the top in 70 seconds, from where they can enjoy a view of the city.

The Washington Monument



George Washington



the first president of the USA

Thomas Jefferson



the third president of the USA

The Jefferson Memorial

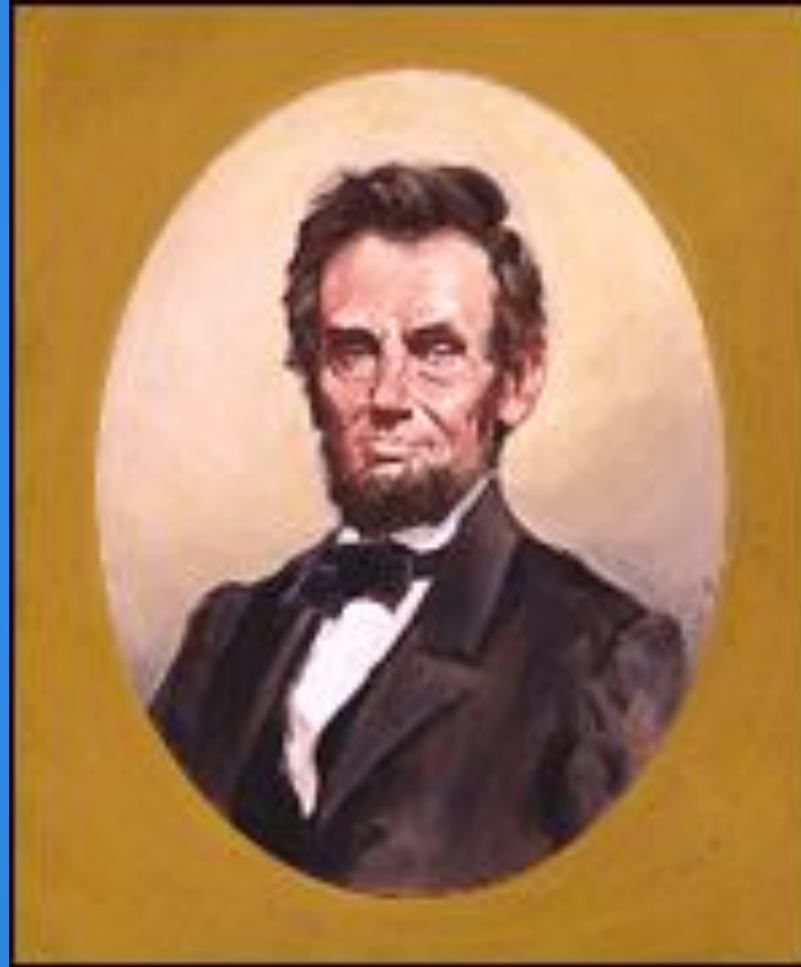


- **The Jefferson Memorial** was built in memory of the third President of the USA, Thomas Jefferson, who was also the author of the Declaration of Independence.

The Jefferson Memorial



Abraham Lincoln



the sixteenth president of the USA

- There are a lot of interesting places in Washington. It is difficult to find a park or a square without a monument or a memorial. One of them is **the Abraham Lincoln memorial**. The Lincoln Memorial is devoted to the memory of the sixteenth President of the United States, the author of the Emancipation Proclamation, which gave freedom to Negro slaves in America

The Lincoln Memorial



The Lincoln Memorial

- It was built in the style of a classic Greek temple. It has 36 columns. Each column represents the state in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. But the dominant feature of the building is the realistic figure of Lincoln.

The Lincoln Memorial



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The National Air and Space Museum

- It is devoted to the US Achievements in the exploration of Space. Here you can see the history of Flight, from the first plane flown by Wright brothers to the Apollo space ship.

The National Air and Space Museum



The first plane



The Apollo Space ship



The National Gallery

- Among the newer buildings one of the most imposing is the National Gallery of Art. The pink marble building was opened to the public in 1941. It houses one of the great art collections of the world.

The National Gallery



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