

Washington D-C Monuments

As you probably already know, Washington, DC (District of Columbia) is the capital of the United States of America. But did you know that it is also a city full of monuments and memorials to honor politicians, statesmen, generals, and poets who helped shape our nation? The city is so much more than the White House!!!

Here are a few of the highlights:

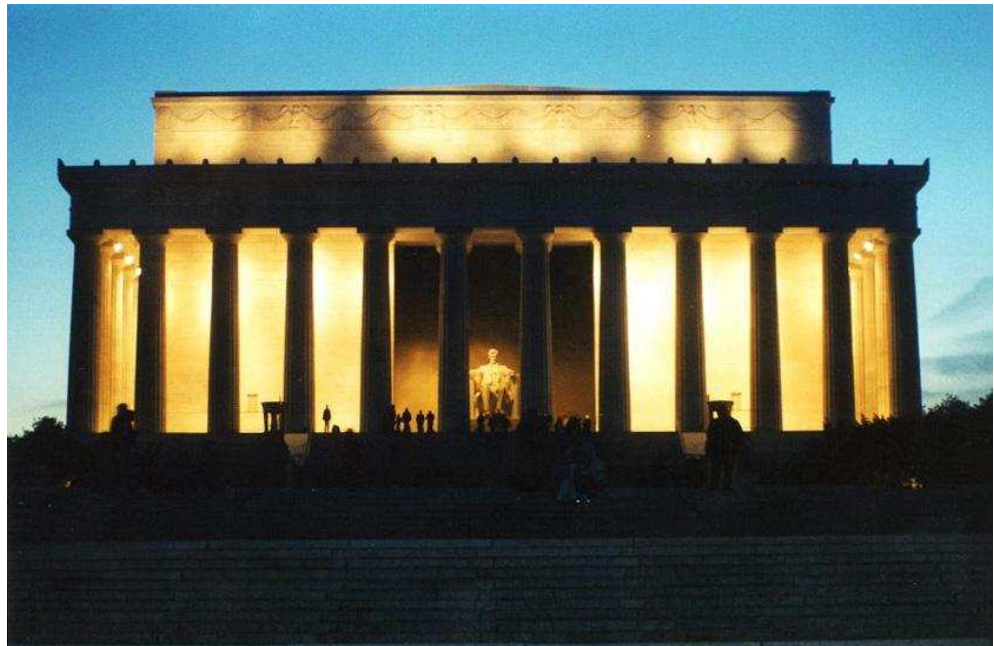


The Washington Monument:

Memorial to our first president George Washington. The monument took 40 years to build due to lack of funding, but was finished in 1885. Can you tell where they stopped and started again, using different materials?

The Lincoln Memorial:

This memorial honors President Abraham Lincoln. He can be found inside the thirty-eight Grecian columns, seated on a ten foot high marble base. Parts of his most famous speeches are engraved in the walls. In front of the monument lies the reflection pool. On the other side of the reflection pool, stands the Washington Monument.





The Vietnam Memorial:

A V-shaped granite wall is inscribed with the names of the 58,209 Americans missing or killed in the Vietnam War. Many relatives or fellow service men come to the wall to find the names of loved ones to make rubbings or to leave flowers.

The Jefferson Memorial:

This dome-shaped rotunda honors the third American President, Thomas Jefferson. The bronze statue of Jefferson stands 19-feet high. The monument is located on the Tidal Basin and is surrounded by a grove of Cherry Trees. Every year in the spring, there is a Cherry Blossom Festival.

