

# **United States Government Buildings in Washington D.C.**

**On Capital Hill**



# U. S. Capital Dome



Statue of  
freedom  
on top of  
dome

- Built on Capital Hill in Washington, D.C.
- William Thornton, architect
- Height is 287.5 ft.

# U.S. Capital: Senate





# U.S. Capital: House of Representatives



The **White House** has been the official residence of all the presidents of the United States with the exception of George Washington.



The White House was completed in 1800, three years after Washington's term of office.

# The White House (front)





# The White House (back)





# Statues and Memorials



# Arlington National Cemetery



- located in Arlington, Virginia
- honors men and women who served in the Armed Forces
- over 260,000 people buried there from all wars
- approximately 4 million people visit each year

# Independence Hall



- Located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Colonial leaders met here to plan future of new nation
- Many important documents written here:  
Declaration of Independence, Constitution



# The Jefferson Memorial



- Located in Washington D.C.
- Honors Thomas Jefferson: 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary of State, 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States
- Building is surrounded by Cherry Trees, gifts from Japan

# The Korean War Veterans Memorial



- Located near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- Consists of a platoon of soldiers depicting all 4 branches of the military
- Engraved in a wall nearby: “Freedom is not Free”



# The Lincoln Memorial



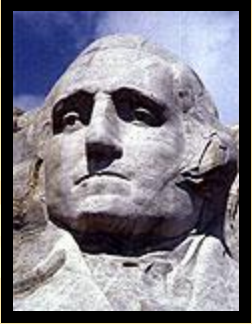
- Located in Washington, D.C.
- Honors Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.
- Memorial symbolizes his belief that all people should be free

# The Marine Corps War Memorial

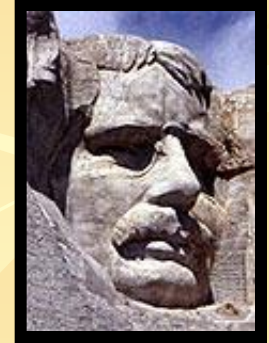
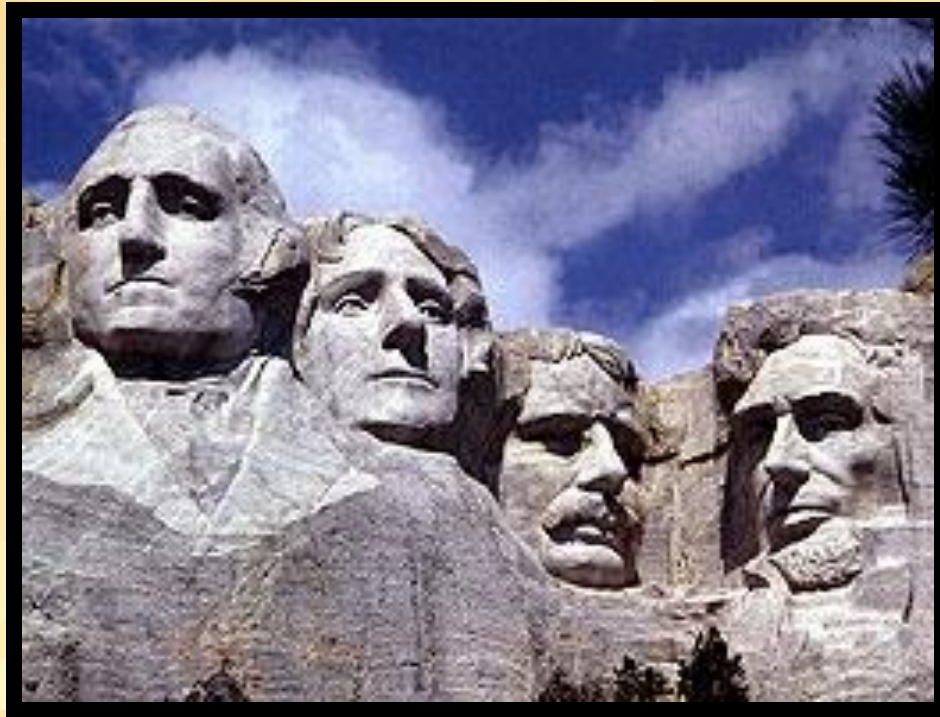


- Symbol of America's gratitude to the Marines who died in combat
- Statue portrays a famous event of World War II: the U.S. victory of Iwo Jima, a small island in the Pacific Ocean near Japan.

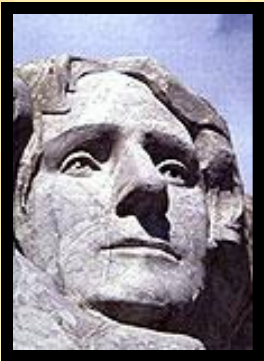
# Mount Rushmore



George  
Washington

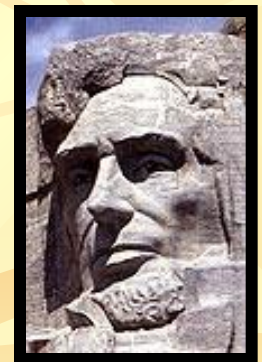


Theodore  
Roosevelt



Thomas  
Jefferson

- Located in the Black Hills of South Dakota
- Created by Borgium
- Designed as a testament to the growth of our country and its great leaders.



Abraham  
Lincoln

# The Statue of Liberty



- Located in New York City, symbolizes Freedom throughout the world
- Was a gift from the people of France
- Torch represents Liberty ... Tablet – independence from England ...



# Tomb of the Unknown



- Located in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia
- Was constructed to mark the grave of an unidentified American soldier from World War I

# The Vietnam Veterans Memorial



- Located in Washington, D.C.
- Honors the men and women who served in the Vietnam War
- Consists of 3 parts: Wall of Names, Three Servicemen Statue, and Vietnam Women's Memorial

# The Washington Monument



- Located in Washington, D.C.
- Honors the 1<sup>st</sup> president, George Washington
- 50 flags surround the base representing 50 states
- The Reflecting Pool lies between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial



# The Crazy Horse Memorial



- Located in the Black Hills of South Dakota.
- Symbol of Native Americans
- World's biggest statue carved out of mountain rock
- Standing Bear wrote: “ My fellow chiefs and I would like the white man to know the red man had great heroes, too”



# The Liberty Bell



- Cast in London, England in 1752
- Rang when the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence
  - \* Symbol of freedom in the United States
  - \* 2000 pounds and made of copper
  - \* Hangs in Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell Pavilion



# Symbols of the Government

# United States Flag



- Has undergone many changes since 1777
- 13 red and white stripes
- 50 stars on blue background
- White: signifies purity and innocence
- Red: signifies valor and bravery
- Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice

# The Bald Eagle



- Was made the national bird of the United States in 1782.
- Image can be found in many places in the U.S. :  
on the **Great Seal**, **Federal agency seal**, **President's flag**, and  
on the **one-dollar bill**.



# Figure of JUSTICE



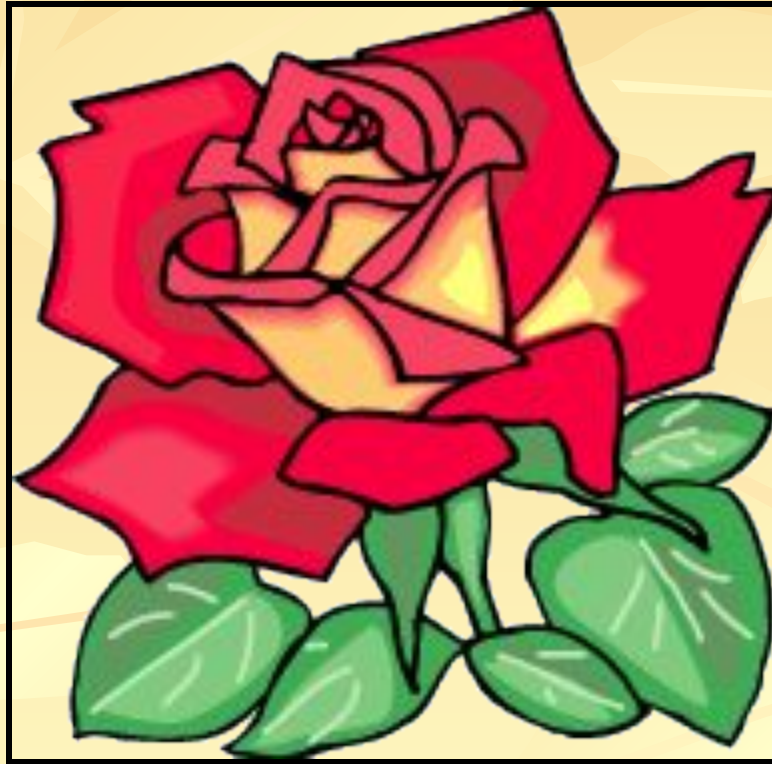
- One of the most recognized legal symbols.
- **Justice** is most commonly prejudice or favor.
- **Justice** can be seen 3 places portrayed in the U.S. as a blindfolded woman carrying a sword and a set of scales.
- She symbolizes the fair and equal administration of the law, without corruption, greed, on the Supreme Court Building.

# Great Seal of the United States



- Was finished and approved on June 20, 1782
- Reflects the beliefs and values that the Founding Fathers wanted to pass on to their descendants.
- **Bald Eagle** – national bird
- **Scroll** – meaning “out of many, one” (means one nation created from 13 colonies)
- **Olive Branch/Arrows** – denotes the power of peace and war
- **Shield** – 13 red & white stripes
- **Constellation** – means a new State is taking its place among nations

# The Rose




- Became the official flower of the United States in 1986
- Said to be about 35 million years old
- Our first President, George Washington, bred roses, and a variety he named after his mother is still grown today.



# Uncle Sam



- Symbolizes the United States – tall white-haired man with a goatee.
- Dressed in red, white, and blue and wears a top hat
- Was named after Samuel Wilson
- Most famous picture of Uncle Sam appears on an Army recruiting poster



**This is not  
The End...**

**But  
The Beginning**