





# The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Mount Rushmore National Memorial with huge carved heads of four presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.



**UTAH**  
Bryce Canyon National Park is a red, pink and golden rock "fairy land" of pinnacles and spires. It was known to the Paiute Indians as "red rocks standing like men in hand-shaped canyon".



**WYOMING**  
Yellowstone National Park is famous for its geysers. Old Faithful, largest of them, erupts every 26 minutes and blows steam and water 120 feet into the air.



**WASHINGTON**  
The spectacular view of glacier capped mountain (14,310 m) in Olympic National Park.



**CALIFORNIA**  
San Francisco is considered to be the last of "Western civilization". The symbol of the city is the Golden Gate Bridge, opened in 1937.



**LOUISIANA**  
New Orleans is famous for its jazz. The French New Orleans is a city where jazz and the blues got started.



**ARIZONA**  
The Grand Canyon is one of the seven "Natural Wonders of the world". Two billion years of geology is exposed by rock in this canyon walls.



**IOWA**  
"Country Farmhouse". The people of Iowa live here in their big, red, white and blue star-shaped houses. The state has the largest corn and soybean crops in the USA.



**MASSACHUSETTS**  
Boston is the oldest city in the US (1630). In Boston and the surrounding area there are many famous colleges and universities, including Harvard University in Cambridge founded in 1636.



**NEW YORK**  
Niagara Falls is one of the natural wonders of the world. Two very large waterfalls on the border between Canada and the USA.



**ALASKA**  
Mount Denali in Denali National Park is central Alaska, the highest point in North America. It was formerly called Mount McKinley.



**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle is the biggest city of state Washington, called the Emerald City, or the Jewel of the Pacific Northwest.



**CALIFORNIA**  
Hollywood sign is famous. Hollywood is the symbol of the American movie industry.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT THE USA

Area: 9,363,200 square km  
Population: 284,796,887

### Landscape:

The biggest rivers: the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Rio Grande  
The biggest lakes: Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario

The biggest mountains: Denali (6,194 m) in the Cordillera (Alaska)

Capital: Washington D.C.  
The biggest state: Alaska  
Currency: dollar



**MICHIGAN**  
"Motor City" Detroit was founded in 1701 by Antoine de la Moignon. The city is a home for the American automobile industry (The R. Ford, GM and Chrysler).



**COLORADO**  
Red Rocks Theatre: here the rock music concerts and country music festival are held. The stadium hall of the highest mountains in the USA.



**FLORIDA**  
Cape Canaveral in Florida is famous for the Kennedy Space Center, where US spacecraft are sent into space.



**PENNSYLVANIA**  
Independence Hall is the most important and historical city of the state. It is here in Independence Hall on July 4, 1776 the Declaration of Independence from Britain was signed.



**NEW YORK**  
Statue of Liberty (designed by Auguste Bartholdi) is the symbol of New York City and the country. It was presented to the US by France in Paris on July 4, 1884. Then it was carefully taken over and shipped to America.

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**The United States of  
America  
(the United States, the  
States, the U.S., the USA,  
and America)**

# THE USA PROFILE

**Type of the state:** Federal presidential constitutional republic

**Flag:** Stars and Stripes

**Anthem:** The Star-Spangled Banner

**Motto:** In God We Trust

(It first appeared on Us coins after April 22, 1864, when it was written on a 2-cent piece. Theafter, Congress extended its use to other coins. On July 30, 1956, it became the national motto.)

**Capital:** Washington, D.C.

**The largest city:** New York

**Total area:** 9 826 675 sq.km

**Population:** 312 392 000 (2011)

At 3.79 million square miles (9.83 million km<sup>2</sup>) and with over 312 million people, the United States is the third or fourth largest country by total area (after Russia, Canada and China), and the third largest by both land area and population (after China and India).

# The 44<sup>th</sup> President of the USA: Barack Obama



# The Vice President of the USA: Joe Biden



# The Flag of the USA

The thirteen-star, thirteen-stripe national flag of the United States of America was adopted on June 14, 1777. There was one star and one stripe for every state in the new country. Gradually, as new states were added to the Union, a new star was added to the national flag. There are now fifty stars on the American flag, one for each state. The thirteen stripes represent the original thirteen states.



National Anthem:  
“The Star– Spangled  
Banner”



The national anthem of the USA was written during the war of 1812. In 1814 Francis Scott Key, an American lawyer wrote a poem titled "Defence of Fort McHenry" which could be sung to the tune of one popular song of that time. On September 20, 1814 the poem was published in the Baltimore newspaper. The song was caught on and everyone was singing it. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson ordered that "The Star-Spangled Banner" would be played at all state occasions. In 1931 the Congress of the USA declared it the National Anthem.



# The Star-Spangled Banner



Oh, say! Can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last  
gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the  
perilous fight,

**O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?**

**And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still  
there.**

Oh, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave?

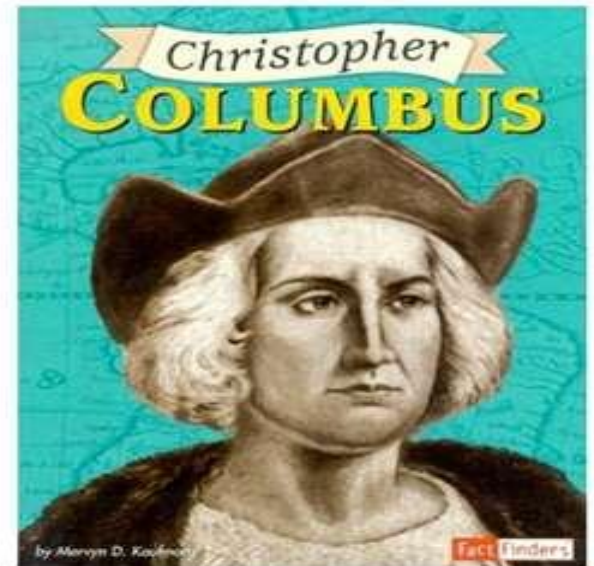
O'er the land of the free and home of the brave?

# **“America, the Beautiful!”**

Many people wanted to make “America, the Beautiful” the national anthem instead of “The Star-Spangled Banner”, because it was not written as a result of a war. The tune is easier to sing, and the whole country is praised, not only the flag. “America, the Beautiful” was written by Katherine Lee Bates. She chose the music of a hymn by Samuel Ward. The words and music travelled around the world, and today Mexico, Canada and Australia sing it with their own countries’ names instead of “America”.

# The origin of the word “America”

For a while after the first voyage of Columbus in 1492, America was called the “New World”. Later, it was decided by map-makers in Europe to name the New World after a man named Amerigo Vespucci.





AMERIC VESPUTI



Amerigo Vespucci was an Italian merchant and adventurer who made three trips to the New World. Columbus became the first explorer to reach the mainland of South America in 1498, but Amerigo Vespucci soon wrote a book in which he claimed to have gone there in 1497. This was not true, but people did not know for many years that Amerigo Vespucci was lying.

# GEOGRAPHY OF THE USA

The country is situated mostly **in central North America**, where its forty-eight contiguous states and Washington, D.C., the capital district, lie between the **Pacific and Atlantic Oceans**, bordered by **Canada** to the north and **Mexico** to the south. The state of Alaska is in the northwest of the continent, with **Canada** to the east and **Russia** to the west across **the Bering Strait**. The state of **Hawaii** is an archipelago **in the mid-Pacific**. The country also possesses several territories **in the Pacific and Caribbean**.

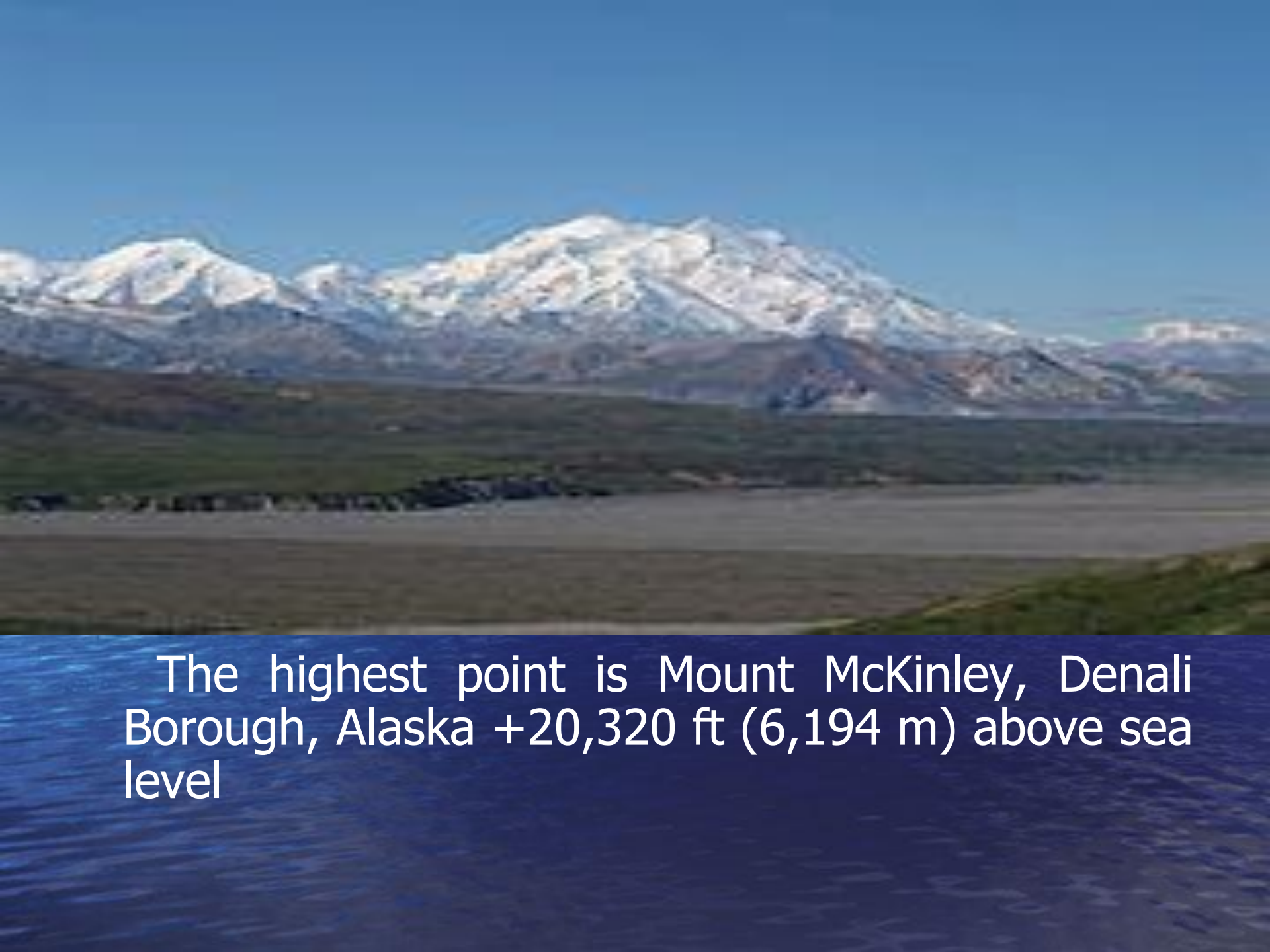




The USA is divided into three areas: **Eastern area** – a highland, where the Appalachian Mountains are situated, **Central area** – a plain, and **Western area** which is mountainous and includes the Cordilleras and the Rocky Mountains.



The highest peak in the Appalachian Mountains is 2,037 metres high. The highest peak of the Cordilleras in the USA is 4,418 metres high. The Appalachian Mountains are very old. The Rocky Mountains are considered to be young.

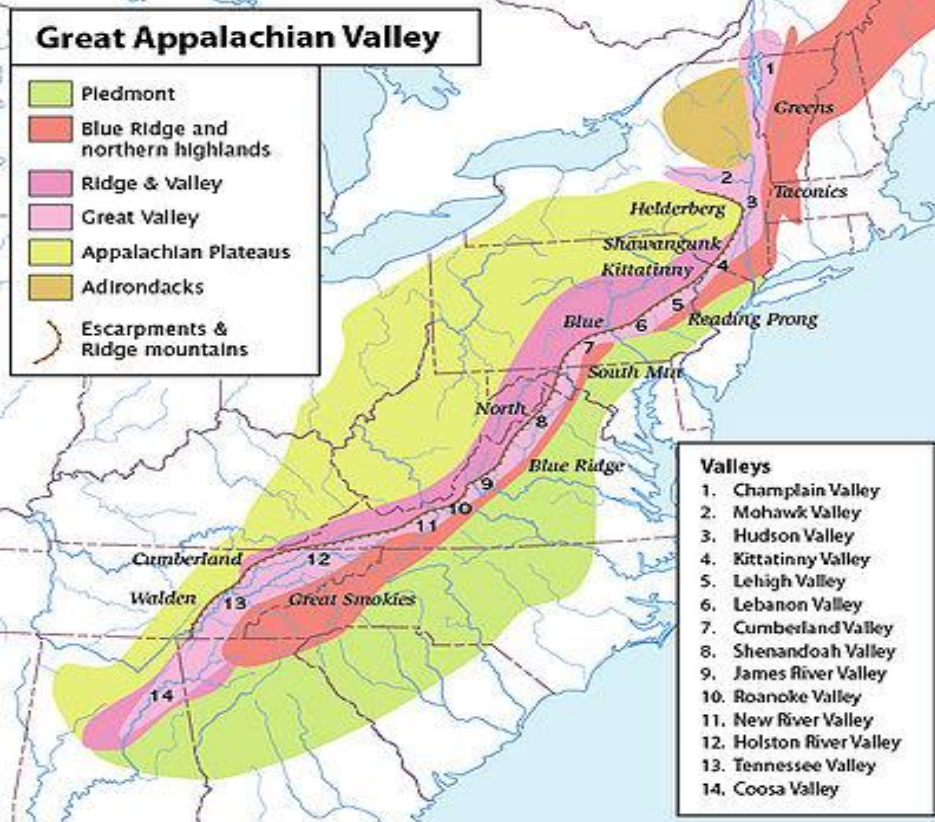


The highest point is Mount McKinley, Denali Borough, Alaska +20,320 ft (6,194 m) above sea level



The lowest point is Death Valley, Inyo County, California –282 ft (–86 m) below sea level.

## Great Appalachian Valley



Between the Appalachian and Cordilleran there are vast valleys known by the general name of **the Great Valley**. Another large valley is the **Mississippi Lowland**.

The north-eastern part of the USA is the **region of the five Great Lakes (Lake Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie and Ontario)** which are connected by channels cut by rapids. The greatest of these rapids is **the Niagara Falls**. The St. Lawrence River joins the water of the five lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. In the west of the USA there is another lake called **the Great Salt Lake**.



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**Great Lakes Watershed**

- Erie
- Huron
- Michigan
- Ontario
- St. Lawrence
- Superior



# The Niagara Falls



# The main rivers of the USA

The main rivers of the USA are **the Mississippi** (it is the second largest river in the world after the Nile; it is the largest river in the USA); the Missouri, the Yukon, the Colorado, the Columbia, the St. Lawrence and the Hudson.



# CLIMATE

The USA have several climatic regions: from continental climate in New England to subtropical in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida. The weather ranges from the warm, wet conditions of the Appalachian Highland to the desert conditions of some of the western states. Average summer and winter temperatures are different in every climatic region.

# Climate Zones of the Continental United States



# Climate data for United States

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Record high  
°F (°C)

98 (36.7)	105 (40.6)	108 (42.2)	118 (47.8)	124 (51.1)	129 (53.9)	134 (56.7)	127 (52.8)	126 (52.2)	116 (46.7)	105 (40.6)	100 (37.8)
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Record low  
°F (°C)

-80 (-62.2)	-75 (-59.4)	-68 (-55.6)	-50 (-45.6)	-25 (-31.7)	-1 (-18.3)	10 (-12.2)	5 (-15)	-13 (-25)	-48 (-44.4)	-61 (-51.7)	-72 (-57.8)
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# The Political System of the USA

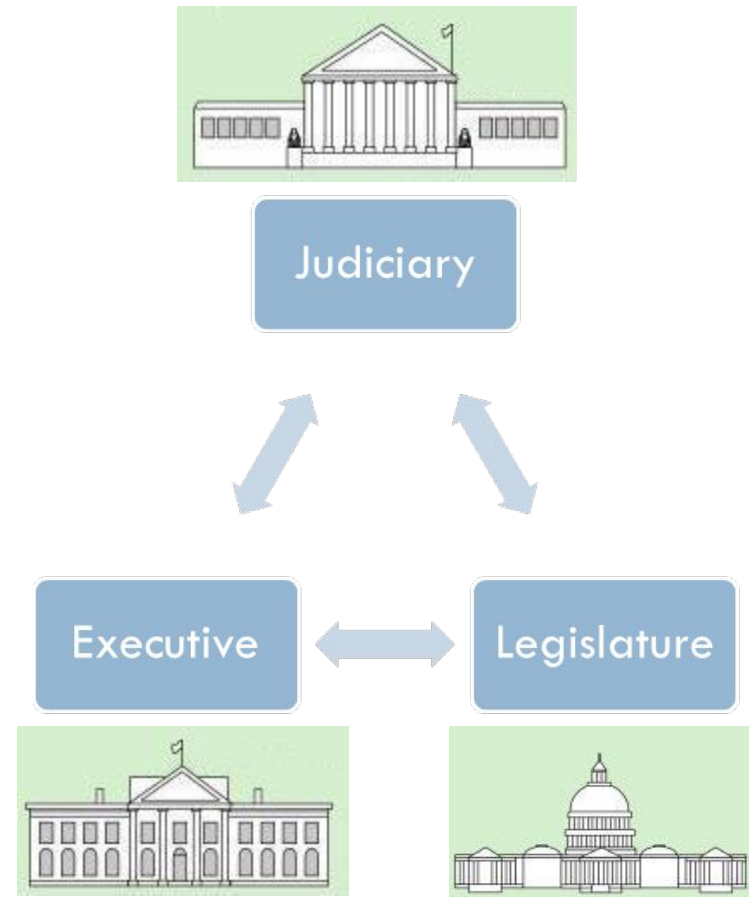
The **United States** is a federal constitutional republic, in which the President of the United States (the head of state and head of government), Congress, and judiciary share powers reserved to the national government, and the federal government shares sovereignty with the state governments.

**The US is the oldest continuous democracy in the world. It was established in 1789, although not all features of the system were as democratic as they are now.**



# Organiasation of Command:

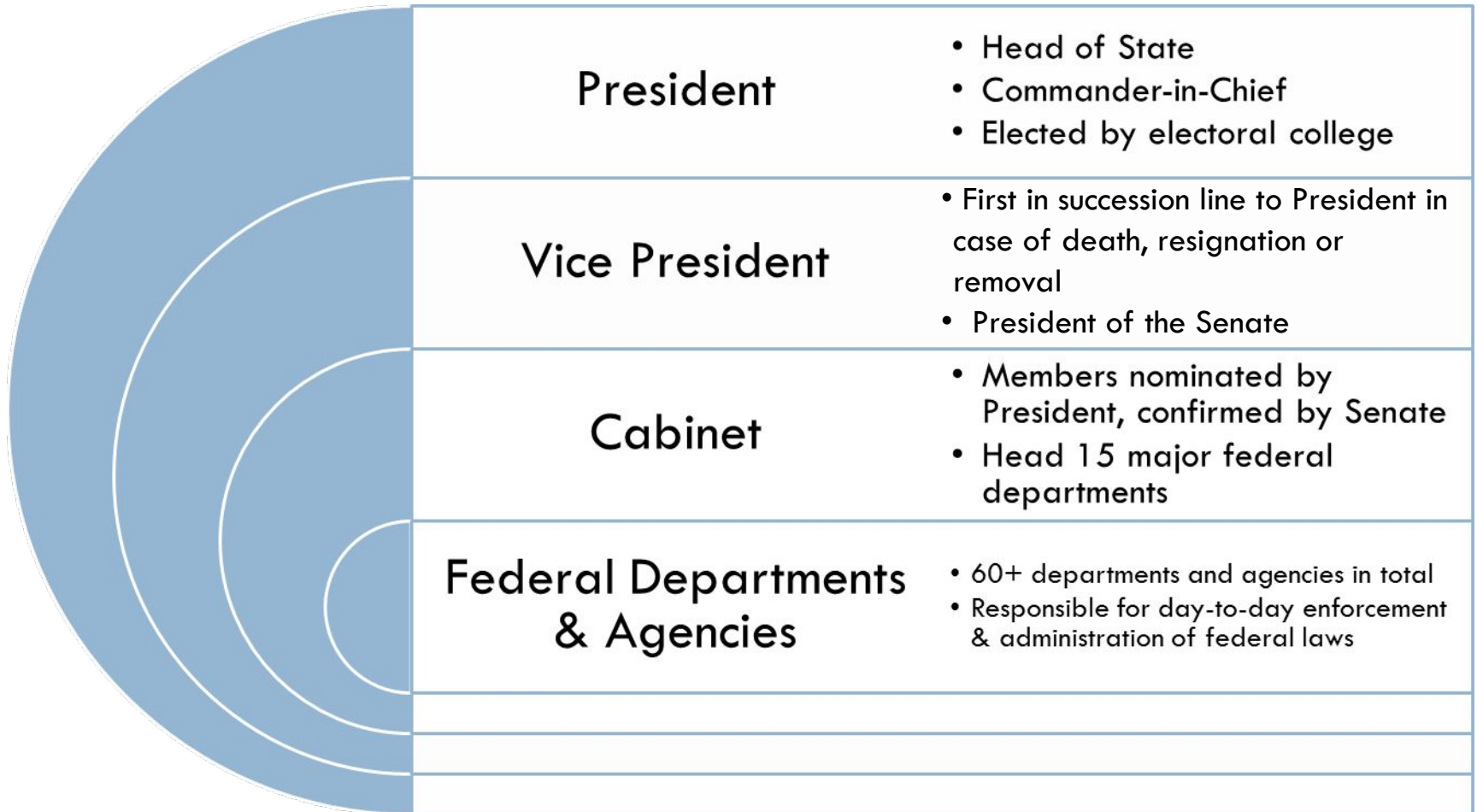
“The constitution has divided the powers of government into three branches, Legislative, Executive and Judiciary, lodging each with a distinct magistracy. The Legislative it has given completely to the Senate and House of Representatives. It has declared that the Executive powers shall be vested in the President, submitting special articles of it to a negative by the Senate, and it has vested the Judiciary power in the courts of justice, with certain exceptions also in favor of the Senate.”



~Thomas Jefferson: *Opinion on Executive Appointments*, 1790. ME 3:15

- **The executive branch** is headed by the President and is independent of the legislature.
- **Legislative power** is vested in the two chambers of Congress, the **Senate** and **the House of Representatives**.
- **The judicial branch** (or judiciary), composed of the **Supreme Court** and lower federal courts, exercises judicial power (or judiciary). The judiciary's function is to interpret **the United States Constitution** and federal laws and regulations. This includes resolving disputes between the executive and legislative branches. The federal government's layout is explained in the Constitution.

# The executive branch:



# The judicial branch:



## Supreme Court of the United States

Court of Appeals  
12 Circuits

Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit

Tax  
Court

Territorial  
District Courts  
with Federal and  
Local Jurisdiction

- Guam
- Virgin Islands
- Northern Mariana Islands

District Courts  
with Federal  
Jurisdiction only

- 89 districts in 50 states
- 1 in District of Columbia
- 1 in Puerto Rico

Claims  
Court

Court of  
International  
Trade

# Legislative Arm:

Congress

House of  
Representatives

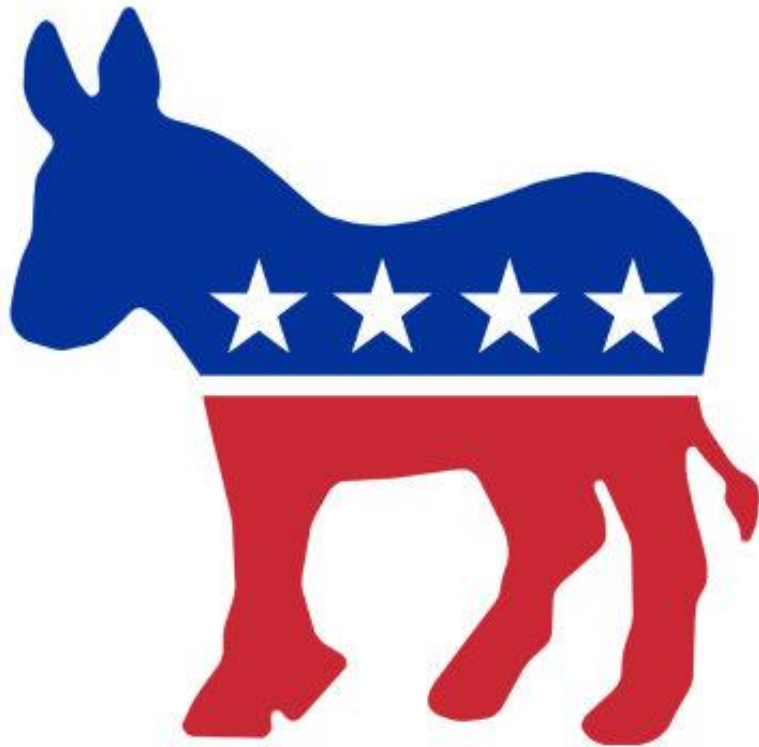
Senate



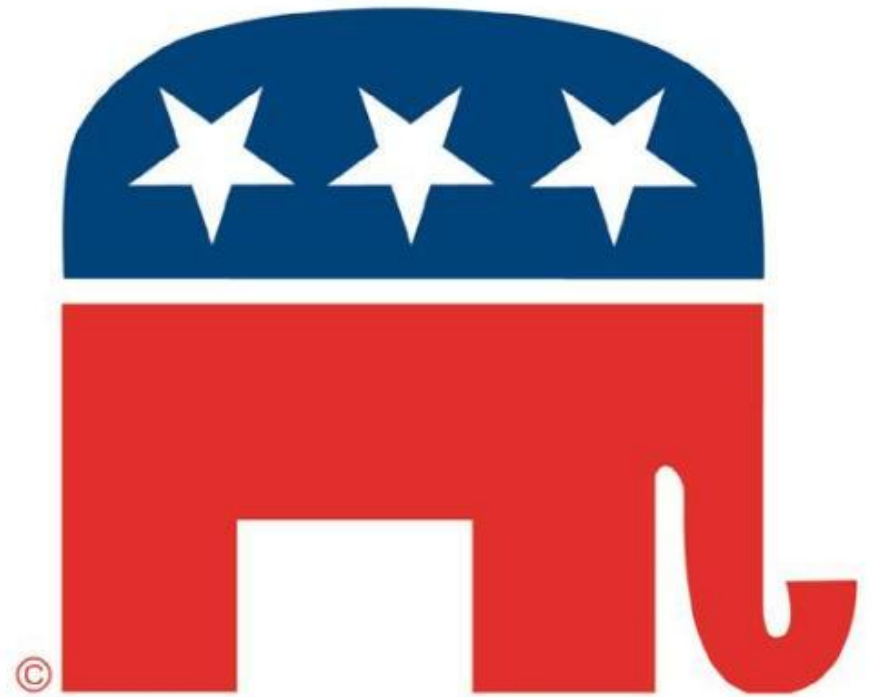
# POLITICAL PARTIES

Two political parties, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, have dominated American politics since the American Civil War, although other parties have also existed.

# Major Political Parties in the USA

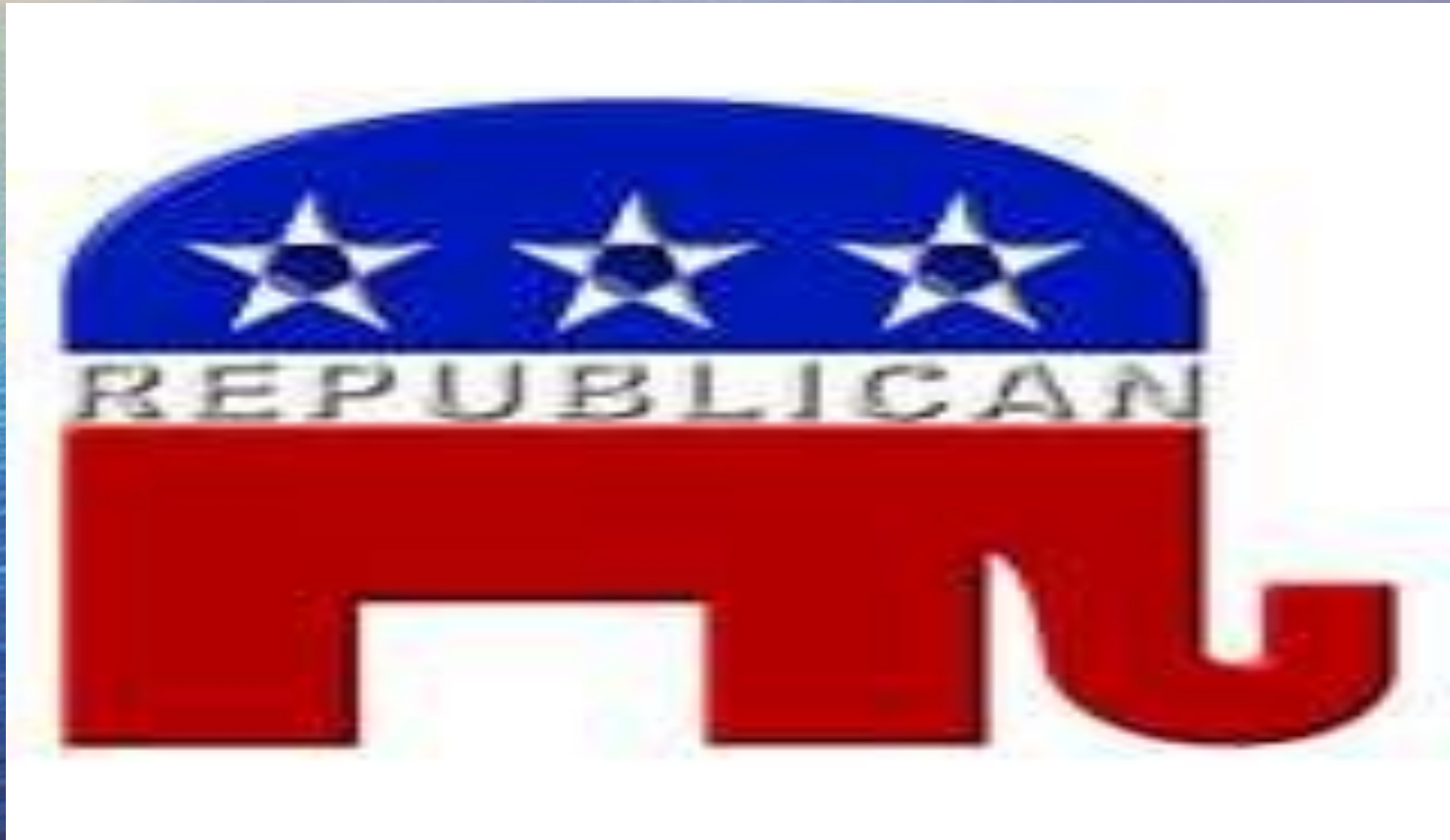


Democrats



Republicans

# The Republican Party

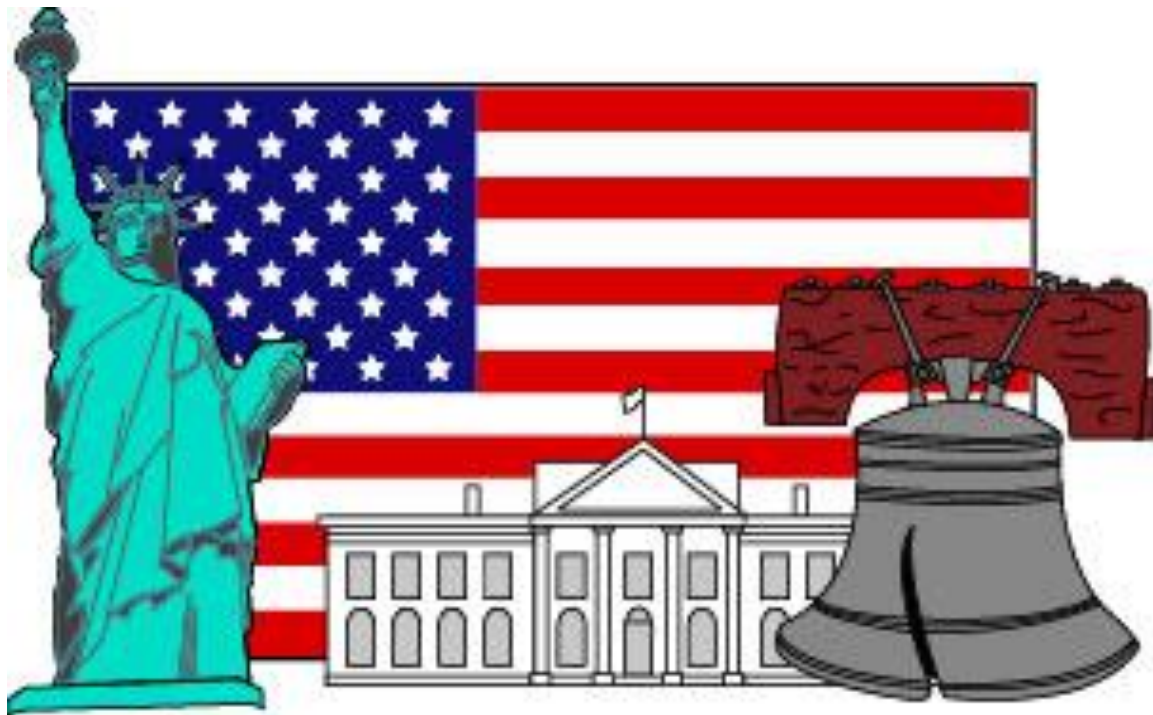


# The Democratic Party



# American Symbols

## Symbols



# The flag “Stars and Stripes”

The colours of the flag are red, white and blue.

There are 50 stars to represent 50 states.

The 13 stripes represent the first thirteen colonies.



# The Great Seal

- On July 4, 1776, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson were given the task of creating a seal for the United States of America.
- Seal would be a symbol of an independent nation and a free people Parts of the Seal
  - The color **white** signifies purity and innocence
  - **Red**, hardiness and valor
  - **Blue** signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.



# Great Seal

Do you see a pattern of thirteen in the Great Seal?



13 stars in the crest above the eagle

13 stripes in the shield upon the eagle's breast

13 arrows in the eagle's left claw

13 olives and leaves in the eagles' right claw

13 letters in the motto carried by the eagle, *E Pluribus Unum*

Why thirteen? Thirteen represents the first thirteen states - Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

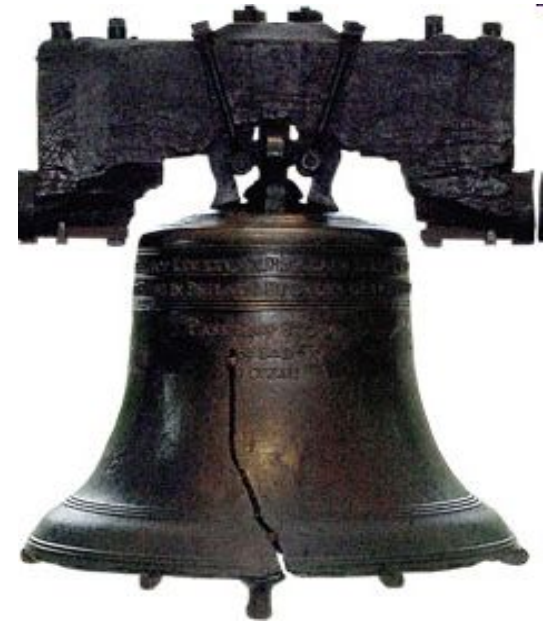
# The Bald Eagle

- The bald eagle is the symbol of the USA because it symbolizes courage, strength, and freedom.
- The bald eagle can be seen in many places like the President's flag, and on a one dollar bill.



# The Liberty Bell

- The liberty bell is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- It rang when Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.
- In 1846 a crack appeared.





# Liberty Bell



- Cast in London, England in 1752
- The Liberty Bell rang when the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence
- It became the symbol of freedom in the United States.
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- The bell weighs about 2000 pounds and is made mostly of copper (70%) and tin (25%).
- Shortly after its arrival in Philadelphia the Bell cracked.
- Local craftsmen recast the bell 2 times using the metal from the old bell, but it still cracked.
- Today, the Liberty Bell hangs in Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell Pavilion on Market Street for all to see and is still gently rung each July 4th..

# Statue of Liberty



# The Statue of Liberty

- She was a gift from France.
- She stands in New York Harbour.
- She's also known as Lady Liberty because she is a symbol of freedom and democracy.
- She represented hope and freedom to the immigrants who came here from other countries.



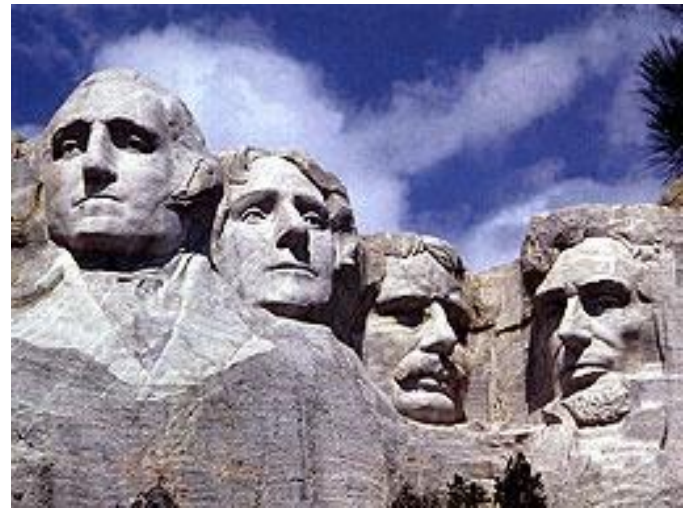
# Statue of Liberty



- Located in New York
- Gift from the people of France
- Statue is 151 feet (46 meters) tall (305 feet including base and pedestal),
- the Statue of Liberty official name is *Liberty Enlightening the World*.
- The statue, made of copper sheets with an iron framework
- Lady Liberty is escaping the chains of tyranny, which lie at her feet.
- Her right hand holds aloft a burning torch that represents liberty
- Her left hand holds a tablet inscribed with the date "July 4, 1776" (in Roman numerals), the day the United States declared its independence from England.
- She is wearing flowing robes
- Crown has seven rays of her spiked crown symbolize the seven seas and continents.

# Mount Rushmore

- Memorial in honour of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln.
- It is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota.



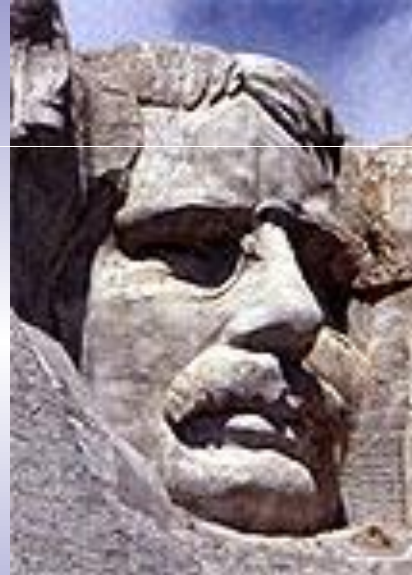
# Presidents



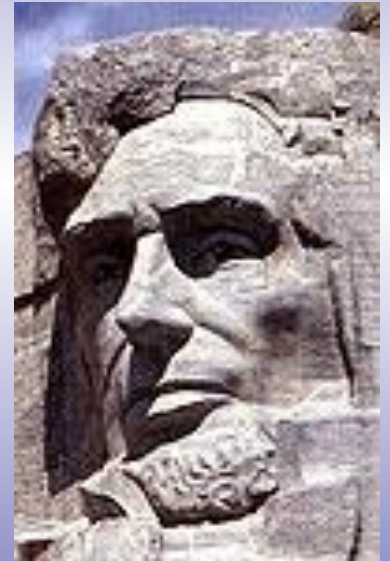
George  
Washington



Thomas  
Jefferson



Theodor  
Roosevelt



Abraham  
Lincoln

# The White House

- It is the home of the President.
- It is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.
- George Washington is the only President who didn't live there.
- The President's Office is called the Oval Office.



# The White House

**The White House** is the home of the President of the United States. It is located in Washington, D.C. Every President except George Washington has lived there.

The President's office is called the Oval Office. Here the President does the business of the country.



# Uncle Sam

- Congress adopted Uncle Sam as an official symbol in 1961.
- He is best known for his army recruiting posters, which said...





Uncle Sam



# Uncle Sam



- The exact origins of Uncle Sam as a symbol for the United States are unknown.
- But the most widely accepted theory is that Uncle Sam was named after Samuel Wilson.
- Samuel Wilson was a businessman from Troy, NY.
- He supplied the U.S. Army with beef in barrels.
- The barrels were labeled "U.S."
- When asked what the initials stood for, one of Wilson's workers said it stood for

## "Uncle Sam Wilson."

- The suggestion that the meat shipments came from "Uncle Sam" led to the idea that Uncle Sam symbolized the Federal Government and the association stuck.
- In 1961, Congress passed a resolution that recognized Samuel Wilson as the inspiration for the symbol Uncle Sam.
- Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist drew the first "Uncle Sam".
- The most famous picture of Uncle Sam appeared on an Army recruiting poster. The poster was designed in World War I, and was used again in World War II. The caption reads  
"I Want You for U.S. Army."
- James Montgomery Flagg drew this picture, and served as the model too!

# Supreme Court Building



# **U.S. Capitol Building**

**Home of Senate  
House of Rep.**





# US Money: dollar

