

WASHINGTON, DC

When Pierre Charles L'Enfant gazed northward along the banks of the Potomac River in 1791, he envisioned a 'pedestal waiting for a monument.' Since that day, Washington, DC has evolved into a fascinating, lively city combining grand, neoclassical government buildings, monuments, memorials, museums and the National Mall.

Washington, DC, notched out of the state of Maryland at the confluence of the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, is a powerful symbol not only of our nation but also of democracy and freedom.

The District of Columbia's neighborhoods, people, history and culture truly embody the American Experience – from Duke Ellington to John Phillip Sousa and from the Civil War to civil rights. Marvel at the Lincoln Memorial. Show your students the Star-Spangled Banner. Explore Jacqueline Kennedy's Washington through a city-wide celebration and discover how her love of the arts and the city transformed Washington. Discover the trendy and historic neighborhoods, like Georgetown and DuPont Circle. Washington is a place full of color with its many people, arts, culture and seasons.

The city is not only the proud home of the nation's capital, it is a sophisticated city in its own right. From its celebrated symbols of patriotism to its undiscovered neighborhoods, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital inspire millions of students every year. Packed with famous sights, the best in attractions and an endless calendar of special events, Washington, DC offers year-round inspiring experiences.

You will discover common threads and combined histories as well as monuments to the past and aspirations for the future. All are on display in Washington, DC.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

More than 300,000 people are buried here on 624-acres. Veterans from all the nation's wars are interred in the cemetery, from the American Revolution through the military actions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

'In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever.' Beneath these words, the 16th President of the United States – the Great Emancipator and preserver of the nation during the Civil War – sits immortalized in marble. As an enduring symbol of freedom, the Lincoln Memorial attracts anyone who seeks inspiration and hope.

MOUNT VERNON

As our nation's first president, George Washington is a timeless and inspirational hero to people all around the world. Your group will arrive with questions about Washington's role in the founding of our country. Students will leave with answers and a memorable experience integral to their Washington, DC journey.

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