

Washington DC Scavenger Hunt

Soon we will all take a journey to our nation's capital, Washington DC. Before going, we are giving you an opportunity to become more educated on what you will be seeing. Participating in this online "scavenger hunt" will make this trip more meaningful for you as you discover the significance of various monuments, tributes, displays, people and events. What you find today may help your group in DC.

Happy hunting!

Some of the Places & Things you will see:

Washington Monument, Franklin Roosevelt Memorial, White House, Lincoln Memorial, The Peterson House, Union Station, Jefferson Memorial, Ford's Theater, The Old Post Office, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Tomb of the Unknowns, Library of Congress, Korean War Memorial, US Marine Corps Memorial, US Supreme Court, World War II Memorial, US Capitol Building

Smithsonian Museums: <http://www.si.edu/>

Smithsonian Castle, American History, Natural History, US Holocaust, Air & Space, American Indian National Archives

The NATIONAL MALL:

What 2 structures border the west and east ends of the National Mall?

Besides the Washington Monument, name 3 other monuments you may see on or along the National Mall? _____

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

What is the street address of the White House?

Who lives in the White House? ☺

What is the name of river that flows along side the National Mall area?

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE:

The **Smithsonian Institution** is the world's largest museum complex and research organization. It is made up _____ museums, _____ research centers, and the National Zoo.

Who is the Smithsonian Institute named for?

For reasons unknown, he left his fortune the people of the US to found an institution for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge."

Where was he from? _____

How many times did he visit the US prior to his death? _____



Where is he buried? (hint: see photo clue)

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL:

More commonly called the "Vietnam Wall" has all the names inscribed in chronological order of the date of casualty, showing the war as a series of individual human sacrifices and giving each name a special place in history.

How many names are engraved in the wall? _____

How long is the wall? _____

Next to each name is a symbol: a diamond or a cross.

What does the diamond represent?

What does the cross represent?

BONUS: What does it mean for a circle to be placed around the cross?

BONUS: What does it mean for a diamond on top of the cross?

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL:

A group of statues honoring veterans of the Korean War sits just below the Vietnam Wall. The statues represent members of which 5 branches of military services? (*Army, Navy, AF, Marines, Coast Guard*)

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL:

The Freedom Wall contains 4000 commemorative gold stars. What does each gold star represent?

So approximately how many does it represent? _____

LINCOLN MEMORIAL:

What war was going on at the time of Lincoln's presidency?

What is the name of the document Lincoln issued to free slaves within the states in rebellion leading to the approval of the 13th Amendment?

What does the 13th amendment proclaim?

Lincoln was shot and killed by an assassin shortly following his 2nd inauguration.

Where was he assassinated? _____

Who shot him? _____

Where was Lincoln taken after he was shot and later died there?

What famous speech given by Lincoln began with "Four score and seven years ago"?

In it, Lincoln paid tribute to the Union soldiers who sacrificed their lives for union and equality. This short speech became one of Lincoln's most famous speeches and one of the most quoted political speech in American history.

Name 2 historical events that took place at the Lincoln Memorial?

The NATIONAL ARCHIVES:

The National Archives and Records Administration is our national record keeper ... holding records that document the rights of citizens, the actions of Government officials, and the national experience.

Ever seen the movie "National Treasure"? Nicholas Cages' character had to break in the steal a very important and highly secured document.

Name 3 original documents important to American History that are held in the Rotunda of the National Archives building?

WASHINGTON MONUMENT:

At _____ feet, the Washington Monument is the tallest structure in DC.

Why are the bricks that make up the monument in 2 colors?

A circle of American flags is around the base of the monument. How many are there and what do they represent? _____

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL:

What is the body of water called surrounds this memorial?

How tall is the bronze statue that stands in the middle of this memorial?

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL:

FDR was the only president to have a handicap. Why did he need a wheelchair?

FDR was a great inspiration to American citizens as they struggled through The Great Depression. He made frequent speeches delivered via radio called “
_____”

In one of the chambers in this monument, FDR poses with his beloved Scottish terrier. What was his dog’s name?

THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL:

This memorial is more commonly known as _____

What does this large bronze statue represent?

THE OLD POST OFFICE:

The clock tower of the original Old Post Office is Washington DC’s first skyscraper. You can take a tour to the top and view a breathtaking skyview of Washington DC. We are eating lunch there on Saturday. ☺

Which great American “fathered” the concept of modern mail delivery?

NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM:

In 1942, this group of black WWII fighter pilots shattered the myth that blacks lacked the technical skills for combat flying. _____ What type of aircraft did this group typically fly? _____ [HINT: on display in the WWII gallery]

Which First Lady did much to promote the cause of equal opportunity for black Americans? To show her support she eagerly flew with a black pilot from the program in question #1 despite objections from the Secret Service.

What airplane (*on display in the NASM*) flown by Charles Lindbergh made the 1st solo, nonstop transatlantic flight (flying from NY to Paris)?

“ _____ ”

Name one of the 3 astronauts who were members of the Apollo 11 (*on display*) flight crew and became the 1st to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969?

AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM:

What are 3 purposes of a powwow? _____,
_____, _____

Name 3 tribes and descriptions that you may see in this museum:

TRIBE: WHERE THEY LIVED? INTERESTING TRADITION/FACT:

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM:

Whether living or extinct, on land or at sea, in literature or in life, large animals have long fascinated people. The largest animals have all been hunted since prehistory. One giant animal, however, has remained almost unnoticed and unobserved in its habitat, _____ and on display here.

Until very recently, little was known about the first inhabitants of Jamestown or their first home, _____. No one knew where they were buried. Then archaeologists began to find their graves.

Seen the movie *Titanic*? I bet this beauty inspired . The Hope Diamond is a large, blue diamond passed through many famous hands in history weighs _____ carats.

AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM:

Do you have a teddy bear? Did you know that the teddy bear was named after this president, an enthusiastic outdoorsman? Which president was it?

1. Thomas Jefferson, 1801-1809
2. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909
3. Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850

Your grandparents probably remember exactly where they were when they heard about the assassination of this president. HINT: buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Which president was it?

1. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865
2. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963
3. Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989

Who was the president when you were born? _____

Your parents? _____

You have all heard of "The Star-Spangled Banner", right? ☺ It was flown on September 14, 1814 by US soldiers to celebrate a crucial victory over British forces during the War of 1812. *You will see the original flag on display.* From what fort was this flag flown when Francis Scott Key was inspired to write what became our National Anthem?

Name one display from the Music, Sports and Entertainment memorabilia you may see?

On February 1, 1960, four African American students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College sat at this "whites only" lunch counter, asked to be served, and, when they were not, refused to leave. The sit-in and boycott of the store lasted six months and was the focus of national publicity. A portion of the lunch counter from this department store _____ is on display.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S WAX MUSEUM:

<http://www.madametussauds.com/washington/>

Name a figure on display in the following Exhibition Halls at MT Wax Museum:

Political Figure _____

Popular Musician _____

Sports Stars _____

Cultural Figures _____

World Leaders _____

Historical Figures _____

Hollywood Stars _____

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM (<http://www.ushmm.org/>)

1. In how many languages is the Holocaust Museum’s Encyclopedia available?
_____ Why do you think is that?

2. Name 3 online exhibitions that the museum offers on the website. Which one would you like to visit?

3. Go to the section called “CONSCIENCE”. Mention 3 ways YOU can TAKE ACTION and prevent new genocides like the Holocaust from happening.

4. Mention 3 areas around the world that are on “genocide alert”.

US CAPITOL BUILDING (<http://www.visitthecapitol.gov/>)

1. How many exhibitions are there in the capitol? _____

2. Name the one that interests you the most. _____

3. Who works in the US Capitol Building? _____

US SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court, the highest judicial authority in the United States is made up of how many justices make up the Supreme Court? _____

In 1954, the Supreme Court in its landmark [Brown v. Board of Education](#) decision ruled that _____ and thus in violation of the 14th Amendment.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC, is the world’s largest library containing more than 128 million items including books, manuscripts, films, photographs, sheet music and maps. You can even search your own family history here.

The original LOC was located inside the US Capitol Building but was destroyed by fire. Which president offered his own personal collection of books to reestablish the library?

Find something interesting to you that you may see in the LOC
(<http://www.loc.gov/families/>)?

**ARLINGTON CEMETARY:
TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS:**

Also known as the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" is located in Arlington National Cemetery.

How many graves does the Tomb of the Unknowns contain? _____ (4)
Representing which wars? _____

Interesting Trivia about the Guarding of the Tomb:

Guards take 21 steps, pauses for 21 seconds before his about face and return walk (allude to the 21-gun salute)

His gloves are moistened to prevent losing his grip on the rifle.

He always carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb.

The guards are changed every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The physical traits of the Guard are limited to:

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30."

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives.

They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform.

Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred.

QUESTION: Name 5 notable people buried in Arlington National Cemetery

Other helpful websites:

<http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/>

Click on the following link if you would like to download an mp3 file to use with a walking tour of DC.

<http://www.audisseyguides.com/washingtondc>

<http://www.dc.gov/index.asp>

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Historical Documentaries (online videos) & Learning Centre

<http://www.supremecourthistory.org/index.htm>

Take a virtual Tour of the Supreme Court:

<http://www.oyez.org/tour/>

Activities about the Supreme Court Cases:

<http://www.landmarkcases.org/>