# The United States of America

Brief info about our country



## The Statue of Liberty



Located in the New York Harbor, the great statue is seen as the symbol of the US. It is one of the most notorious monuments and is the first thing that the immigrants of the 19th century saw as they entered our borders. It symbolizes freedom and a new life in our nation

The robed female figure represents Libertas, the Roman goddess of freedom.

From the ground to the top of the torch the statue measures 93 metres, and weighs 204 metric tonnes.

It was a gift from France, given to America in 1886.

Visitors have to climb 354 stairs to reach the statue's crown.

300 different types of hammers were used to create the copper structure.



## **The Grand Canyon**



The grand canyon is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.

An estimated 5.9 million people visit the Grand Canyon a year, making it the second most popular national park following just behind the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Grand Canyon was carved over 6 million years ago

Within the Grand Canyon are an estimated 1,000 caves, and of those, 335 have been recorded.

Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim and the lodge on the North Rim are only about 10 miles apart. However, to drive between them through the park, over the Colorado River and loop around the canyon, you have to travel 215 miles or about 5 hours.



## Walnut Canyon & the Legacy of Native Americans



Walnut Canyon is a monument outdoors that shows us the Native Americans homes on the cliffs.

Walnut Canyon is about 3,529 acres.

The floor of the canyon is filled with many types of walnut tree which is how it got its name.

A 8 mile hike is worth it to see the ancient homes, you can learn all about how they lived.

We can also learn how close their communities were before they discovered it in 1883.



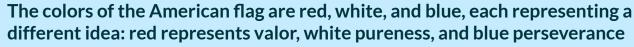
## Leadership \*\*\*

The White House is the home of the President and is located in Washington, D.C..

Every Four Years we have an election to decide the next president

Each president can have up to 2 terms

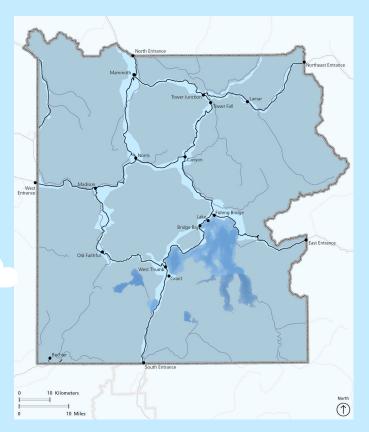
The current President is Joe Biden







## **Yellowstone**\* \* \* \*



**Encompasses 3,472 square miles** 

Over 4 million visitors last year

Home to world-famous Old Faithful, a hot spring geyser known for its consistent eruptions.

A habitat for many animal species such as

- Bears
- Wolves
- Bison
- o Elk
- The National Bird, the Bald Eagle

Houses more than 500 geysers



#### **National Attractions**

The US attracts 76.9 million tourists every year!

Disney World, located in Orlando, Florida is a huge amusement park that is 500 acres big! You can fit 51 Disneylands in Disney World!

Times Square in New York is a big tourist attraction in the middle of Manhattan. There are lights, billboards, and costumes! Times Square gets 50 million visitors each year!

Mount Rushmore, located in South Dakota, is a big sculpture of 4 US presidents sculpted into the side of a mountain.

The Space Needle is a 605-ft.-tall spire at the Seattle Center, in Washington, with an observation deck and a rotating restaurant.

The Hollywood Sign is a massive white sign on the rolling hills near Los Angeles, California. The Hollywood Sign is a landmark that symbolizes the movie making paradise that is L.A.

## **National Sports**

National sports have always been an important and prominent aspect of American culture.

The shared understanding of the activities helps bring more opportunities for socialization and creates a community of fans and players alike who all enjoy the spirit of the game.



For instance, the National Football League (NFL) is the largest sports organization and the most profitable in the world; generating approximately \$9 billion dollars in revenue after all expenses.



Another example of a beloved sports organization by the United States is the National Basketball Association (NBA), making about \$3 billion dollars worth of revenue from television, merchandising, tickets and sponsorships.



Other national sports include the Women's National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball, and the National Hockey League.

#### **Monuments & Documents**

Washington Monument is dedicated to the first President of the United States, George Washington.

Washington helped draft both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution Constitution is our set of laws and our guiding principles.

Amendments outline the rights of Americans

March on Washington in 1963 when Dr. Martin Luther King and many other activists marched on the national mall to send a message that Americans, regardless of skin color, should have equal opportunities.

## The Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most famous landmarks of the US, often regarded as the "Statue of Liberty of the West". Spanning almost two miles over the narrow Golden Gate strait, it is located in San Francisco, California-right by the booming tech industry, the Silicon Valley.

The bridge was began construction in January 1933 and was opened and fully operational by May 1937.

The bridge links the city of San Francisco to Marin County and attracts over 10 million visitors per year.

Also part of the San Francisco Bay Area, the Silicon Valley is a center of technological innovation for both the world's largest high-tech corporations and start-up companies.