

New York and Washington D.C.





The Statue of Liberty stands on Liberty Island in New York harbour. It was a present from the French. They gave it to New York because the USA helped France during the French Revolution. They made it in 350 pieces and assembled it like a puzzle. It took four months to put it together.



Every year, on 11th September, people keep silent at 8.46, the time when the first plane hit the north tower in 2001. In 2001, two planes hit the Twin Towers. When the first plane hit one tower people thought it was an accident. When another plane hit the second tower, people realized that it was a terrorist attack. The towers collapsed and about 3,000 people died, including emergency workers. Now there is a new tower called the “One World Trade Centre” or 1WTC. It opened in 2014 and it is the highest building in the USA it is 541m high.





Central Park is about four kilometres long, it's a great place to relax. The colours of the trees are fantastic in fall, but people go there also in the summer.



This is the famous Brooklyn Bridge. It crosses the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn and every year the New York Marathon crosses it.



The Empire State Building is one of the most distinguished features in the city skyline. The observation deck is 373 metres up, so the views are really fantastic but you always have to wait in a really long line for the elevator.



This is the Rockfeller Centre. In winter there is a fantastic ice rink. It has an underground shopping mall called “The Concourse”. On top of it you can enjoy a great view of the Big Apple and there are great places to eat.



Washington D.C. is the capital of the USA. The D.C means District of Columbia. It is an elegant city on the Potomac River, and it does not have any skyscrapers. Washington has large monuments dedicated to Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington.

The Washington Monument is the tallest monument in the city. The three most important buildings are home to the three branches of the Government: the Legislative branch, the judicial branch and the executive branch. The U.S. capitol stands on Capitol Hill. The parliament is called Congress. It has two sections: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Supreme Court has nine Judges. They make the final decision in difficult cases. The most famous building is the White House.



The White House has six floors and there are 132 rooms. The President's office is called the Oval Office and some rooms have the name of colours. It can be difficult being the son or daughter of the President, because everybody knows who you are, watches you and maybe criticises you. Nevertheless, there are some advantages too; for example, your house has tennis courts, a cinema



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