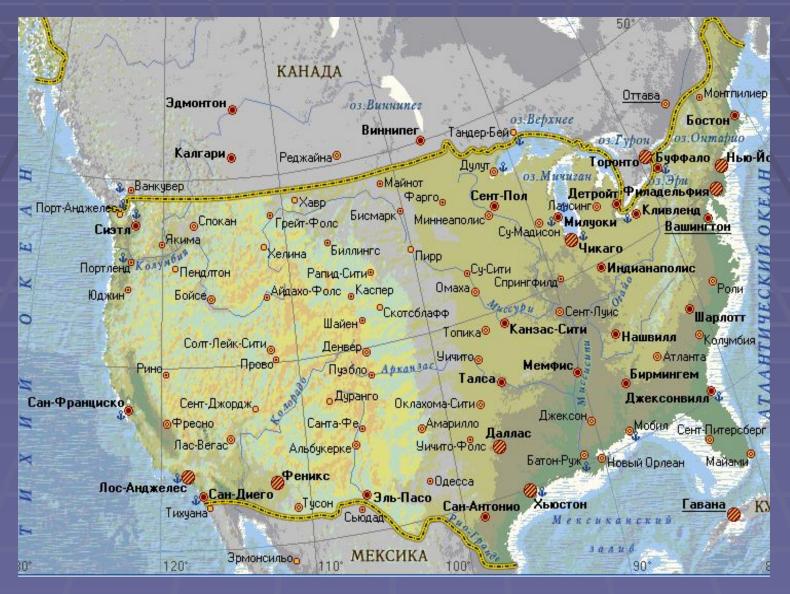
The United States of America

Official name: The United States of America Status: a federal republic, a union of 50 states Area: 9 809 155 sq. km. Population: about 290 million people Capital: Washington, D.C.

The geographical map of the USA

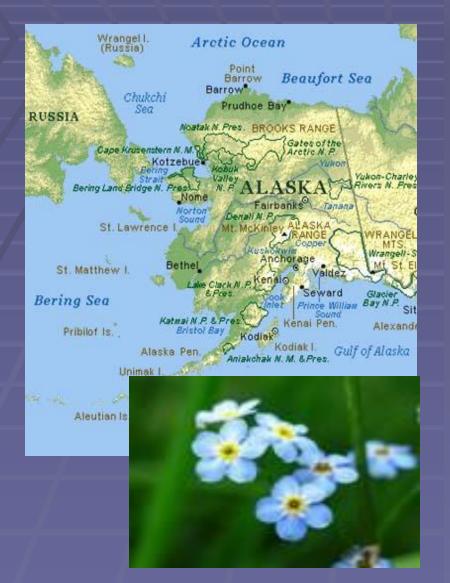


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The USA is divided into 50 states. Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states in 1959. Each state has its own capital, government and symbol.

Alaska



Alaska is the largest state, but only about half a million people live there. It was purchased from Russia in 1867 for 7,200,000 dollars. The capital is Juneau.

Rhode Island



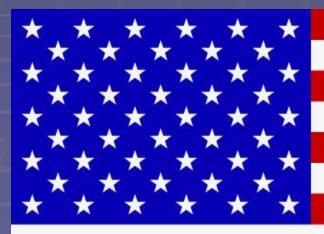
Rhode Island is the smallest state. The area is only 3144 sq.km. The population is about a million people. The capital is Providence.

California



The most populated state is California. The population is about 25 million people. The area is over 400,000 sg.km. Its nickname is the Golden State because gold was found there over a hundred years ago. The capital is Sacramento.

The Stars and Stripes and Old Glory



The Coat-of arms

It represents an eagle with a bundle of rods – the symbol of administering - in the left claw and an olive twig – the symbol of love - in the right claw. The motto is "One out of many".



Nationalities

white Americans - 74%

Africans - 13%

immigrants from Asia

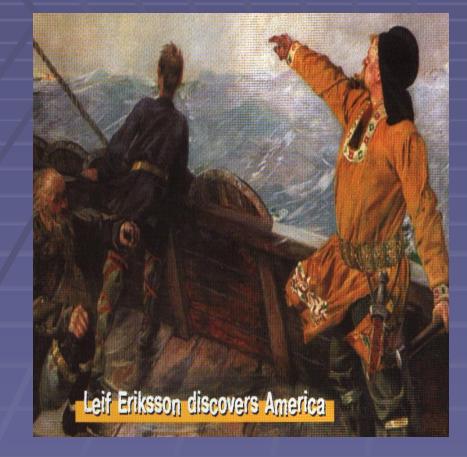
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native Americans

(Indians, Aleuts, Eskimos) – 1%



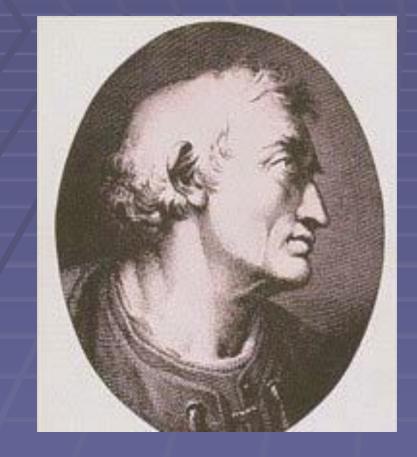
Who discovered America?



The answer is: nobody knows. North America may have been discovered by Vikings under Leif Eriksson, but Europeans didn't know about his existence until Columbus' voyages.



In 1492 three ships (the "Santa Maria", the "Pinta", the "Nina") commanding by Christopher **Columbus** landed one of the Bahama Islands.



In <u>1507</u> Amerigo Vespucci explored the area of South America and introduced a new land to the world. This continent was called after him -"America".

Some facts from the history of the USA:

In <u>1620</u> the first people from England arrived in America. They left England because of religious problems.

 In <u>1776</u> after the war with Britain, America became an independent country. Americans wrote the Declaration of Independence.

4th July – The Day of Independence (a national holiday)



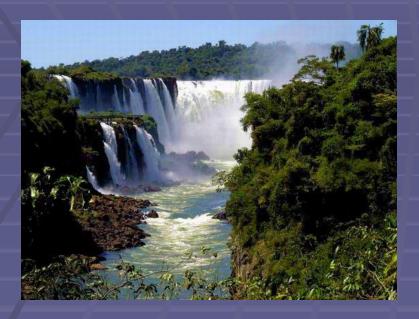
After the war in <u>1861-1865</u> between the northern and the southern states (south lost) the government stopped slavery.



1969 – the first people on the moon were three astronauts: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Ed Collins.



Natural sights of the USA



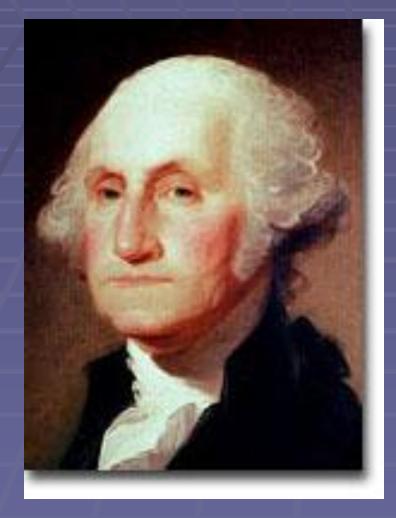


The Niagara Falls – a waterfalls on the river Niagara (51 meters high). It is situated on the boarder between the USA and Canada. The waterfalls was discovered by the expedition of R. Lassal. There is always a rainbow over it.



The Mississippi – "Old man river" together with its tributaries the Missouri and the Ohio is one of the longest rivers in the world. The history of this river is described in the book "Life on the Mississippi" by M. Twain.

Washington, D.C.



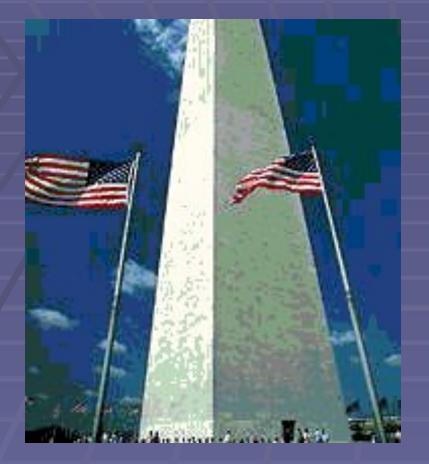
Washington, D.C was named in honor of the first American president, George Washington (1789-1796).

He was an example of bravery and approved the fight against slavery.



The city was founded in 1790 on the east bank of the Potomac River. The city was built according to a preliminary plan. There is a law that forbids to build structures more than 27 metres high.

The Washington Monument



In 1888 the Washington Monument was established in the capital (169 m high)

22nd of February (birthday of G. Washington) a national holiday in the USA





The White House

It's the dwelling place of the President and his family, the oldest public building in Washington. The first President who lived there was John Adams in 1800.

The Capitol



It is the highest building in Washington,D.C. where laws are made.

Washington National Cathedral



It was built in a gothic style. The first stone was laid by Th. Roosevelt (the 26th president) in 1907. Finally it was rebuilt in 1990.

The Lincoln Memorial



It's in a park on the banks of the Potomac River. It was built in honor of Abraham Lincoln with 36 columns (the number of states in Lincoln's days) and a magnificent



magnificent sculpture (6m) inside.



1. The population of the USA is a) about 290 million; b) about 270 million; c) about 280 million 2. The largest state is a) Alaska; b) California; c) Washington 3. The capital of California is a) Washington; b) Sacramento; c) Los Angeles

4. America was discovered in a)1492; b) 1482; c) 1472 5. The first English settlers arrived in America a) in 1560; b) in 1492; c) in 1620 6. The Declaration of Independence was written in a) 1776; b) 1777; c) 1775 7. Washington, D.C. is situated on the bank of a) the Mississippi; b) the Columbia; c) the Potomac