

A panoramic view of the Seattle skyline at sunset. The Space Needle is prominent on the left. The city is filled with various skyscrapers and buildings. In the background, Mount Rainier is visible under a hazy sky. The foreground is filled with green trees.

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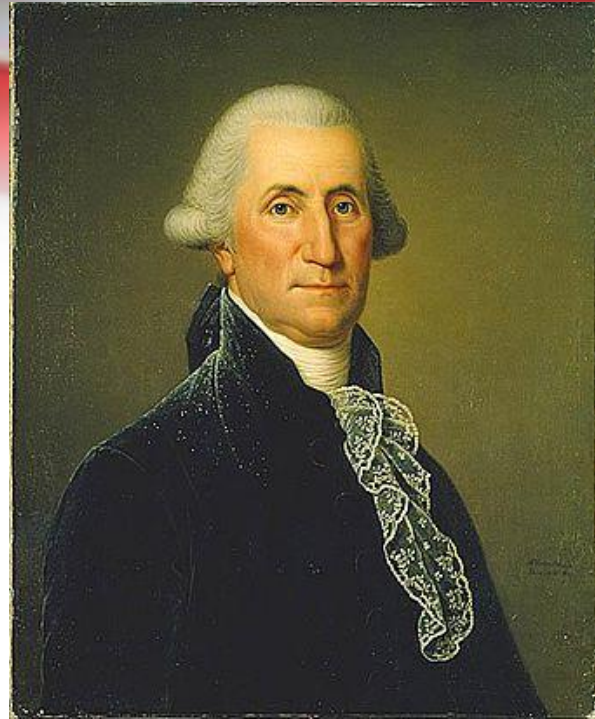
The beautiful city of Washington D.C. is the capital of the United States and the centre of its government.



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**The capital
was named
after the
first
president
George
Washington
and was
founded in
1790.**



It is situated on the Potomac River in the District of Columbia. Washington is not the largest city in the USA. It has about 900 000 inhabitants.



**Washington D.C.
has nothing
characteristically
American in it, as
its conception is
purely French. It
has long wide
avenues, gardens,
beautiful parks
and no skyscrapers
at all.**





Washington is the residence of the President and the Congress of the USA. The White House is the President's residence, the Capitol — the seat of the American Congress.



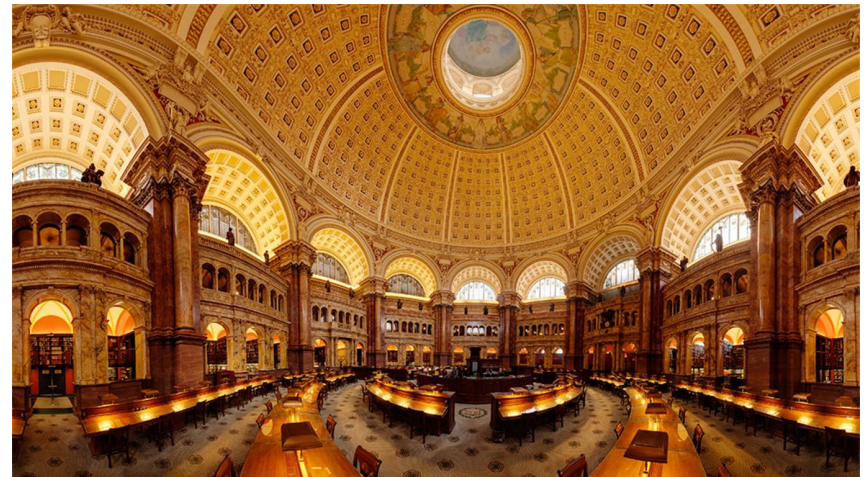
The largest and the tallest among the buildings is the Capitol with its great House of Representatives and Senate Chamber. There are no skyscrapers because no other building must be taller than the Capitol.



All american presidents except George Washington (the White House was not yet built in his time) have lived in the White House. It was built in 1799.



Washington is a large scientific and cultural centre, where there are many research institutes, five universities, the National Academy of Science and the Library of Congress.



There is one more well-known building in Washington — Pentagon, the residence of the US Military department. It is situated in the suburbs to the south of the Potomac.





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