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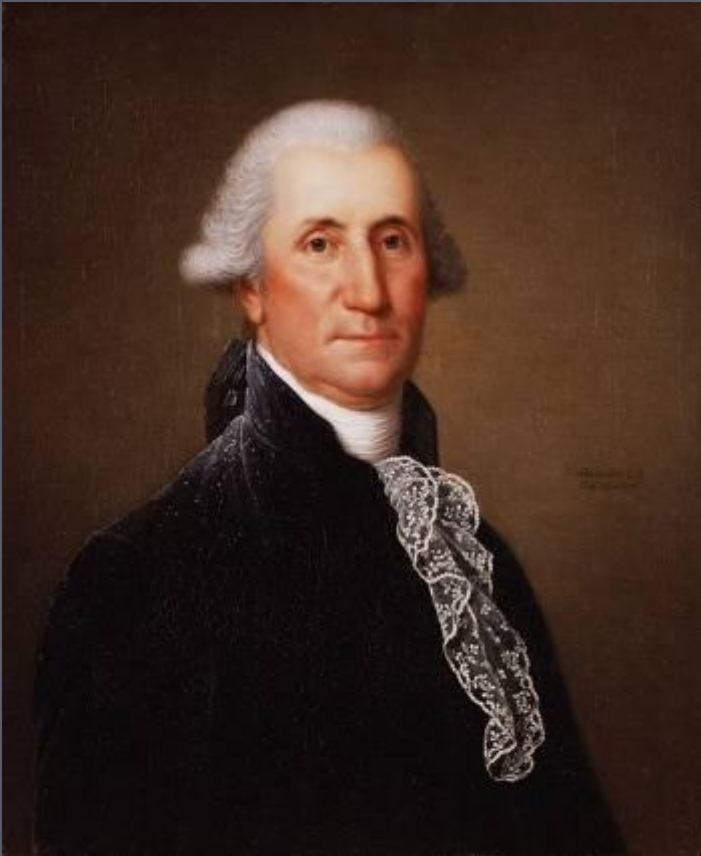
**Washington D.C. – is the capital of the USA. It is situated in the east of the country, on the bank of the river Potomac. A hundred square miles were taken from states of Maryland and Virginia. It was called the District of Columbia. The city is divided into four sections: NW, NE, SW, and SE. Numbered streets run north and south: First Street, Second Street ... Lettered streets such as A-street, B-street run east and west. Bear in mind that every section has an independent street system. If you're looking for Third Street, you need to know what section of the city it is in.**



WASHINGTON D.C. FROM SPACE



The city was founded in 1790 when the first US president George Washington chose the place for the city. The city was named after the first president.



Washington is not a very big city, about 500 thousand people live there. There are a lot of parks, gardens, museums in the city. There is no industry, skyscrapers in the city.





The main sightseeing of Washington is the White House. The White House is the official residence of American President. The building was designed in 1792 by James Hoban and 8 years later and 2.5 million dollars the house was ready. In 1790 the second US president became the first host of the residence. At the beginning of its history the White House was called the Presidents' House, the President palace and the President Castle. Only in 1901 it got this well-known name- the White House.





Now the white House has 6 floors, 132 rooms, 35 bath-rooms, 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fire-places, 8 stairs, 3 lifts, a tennis court, a swimming –pool, a cinema.







- ▶ Another famous building of Washington is the Capitol. The Capitol is the place where the US Congress meets and makes laws. The building began in 1793 and finished in 1830.





- The Washington Monument, the tallest stone structure in the USA, is in the Potomac River. It was opened to the public in 1888. It is 555 feet tall, is called the "Pencil" because of its shape. It is three blocks south of the White House. There is an elevator, which will carry you to 500-foot level observation windows.





- Outside the city the Arlington National Cemetery is situated. John Kennedy was buried there. The famous Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is also situated there.



- There a lot of universities in Washington . They are Harvard University, Georgetown University, George Washington University American university and etc.





National Museum of Natural History was founded in 1910. It has the great collection of plants, animals, minerals.



The National Gallery of Art exhibits thousands of the world's finest canvases. The Gallery's collection of some 116,000 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculpture, and decorative arts traces the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. The National Gallery of Art was created in 1937 for the people of the United States of America by a joint resolution of Congress, accepting the gift of financier and art collector Andrew W. Mellon

