

The Washington Monument



Location



- The Washington Monument is in Washington, D.C.

Location



- The Washington Monument is on the National Mall.

Why did we build the Washington Monument?



- People wanted to remember George Washington.

George Washington



- The monument helps us remember all of the important things George Washington did for the United States.

George Washington



- George Washington was the first President of the United States.

George Washington



- George Washington is known as the Father of our Country.

Construction



- The Washington National Monument Society wanted to build a monument.

Construction



- They held a competition for the best design in 1836.

Construction



- The winner was Robert Mills.
- Robert Mills was an architect.
- An architect designs buildings.

Construction



- It cost over one million dollars to build the Washington Monument.

Construction



- People donated money to help build the Washington Monument.

Construction



- The Washington Monument is made of marble and granite.
- These are special kinds of stones.

Construction



- The Washington Monument weighs over 40,000 tons.

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- The Washington Monument is 555 feet tall.

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- The Washington Monument was finished on December 6, 1884.

Construction



- The Washington Monument took 36 years to build.

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- There are 893 steps inside the Washington Monument.

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- There is one elevator inside the Washington Monument.

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- The shape of the Washington Monument is an obelisk.

Obelisk



- An obelisk has four sides that slant toward each other.
- There is a pyramid shape on the top.

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- The Washington Monument is surrounded by colorful flags.

Visiting the Washington Monument



- More than 800,000 people visit the Washington monument every year.