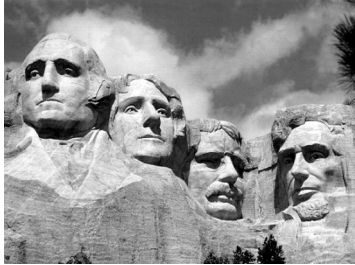


## Mount Rushmore



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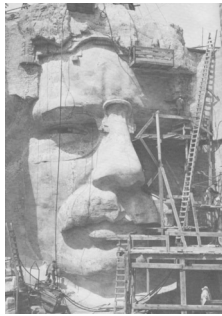
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## Background



- Memorializes the birth, growth, preservation, and development of the United State of America.
- Between 1927 and 1941, Gutzon Borgum and 400 workers sculpted the 60 foot busts of four U.S. Presidents to represent the first 150 years of American History.

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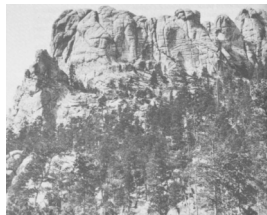
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## How it was Created

- Mount Rushmore was selected in South Dakota because of its natural beauty
- The mountain is 5725 feet high
- Sculpted in the mountain's GRANITE with large drills and by hand
- Cost only \$1 Million (considered priceless today)
- Took 14 years to complete



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### Shrine of Democracy



- This is called a “Shrine of Democracy” because its is so beautiful, immense in size, and inspires a patriotic spirit in all who view it

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### Some facts

- Mount Rushmore National Park sits on 127,845 acres of land in South Dakota
- More than 2,000,000 people visit the park each year
- The annual budget for the park is about 2.5 million dollars



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### The Four Presidents

- George Washington - first U.S. President and commander of the Revolutionary Army
- Thomas Jefferson - 3rd President, author of the Declaration of Independence, and advocate of westward expansion
- Abraham Lincoln - 16th President, whose leadership restored the union and ended slavery on U.S. soil
- Theodore Roosevelt - 26th President who promoted construction of the Panama Canal and promoted conservation and business reform.

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