

The Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials

In Washington, D.C.

Who was Abraham Lincoln?

Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States. He was President during the Civil War (1861-65). The memorial, which was built between 1914 and 1922, symbolizes his belief that all people should be free.



Lincoln Memorial

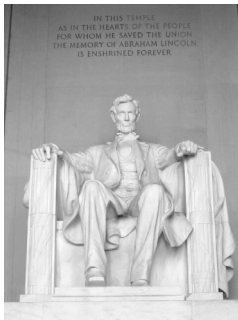
- Located on the National Mall in Washington, DC, the Lincoln Memorial honors Abraham Lincoln.



Lincoln Memorial

- The theme of the building represents the Union. The columns surrounding the walls stand for the 36 states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. The names of the 48 states in the Union (when the memorial was completed in 1922) are carved on the walls along the outside of the memorial. A plaque honoring Alaska and Hawaii is in the approach plaza.

Lincoln Memorial



The chamber inside the memorial contains a statue of Lincoln seated, facing the Washington Monument and the Capitol. The statue of Lincoln is 19 feet high and weighs 175 tons. The chamber also houses two huge stone tables, one engraved with Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, and the other with the Gettysburg Address. Two murals represent the principles of freedom, justice, unity, brotherhood, and charity.

• What is the Lincoln Memorial?

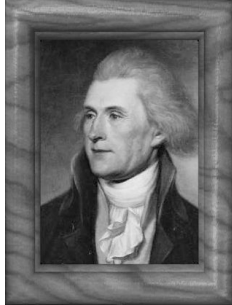
The Lincoln Memorial is one of the most profound symbols of American Democracy in the world. It is a memorial that celebrates the tremendous accomplishments which have united the nation for more than two hundred years. In addition, it is a place where citizens assemble to draw attention to those causes and issues which continue to divide the country.

• What does it symbolizes?

The Lincoln Memorial symbolizes many things to many different people. At its most basic level the Lincoln Memorial symbolizes the idea of Freedom.

Who was Thomas Jefferson?

Jefferson was the 3rd President of the United States (1801-1809), the principal author of the Declaration of Independence (1776), and one of the most influential Founding Fathers for his promotion of the ideals of Republicanism in the United States.



Jefferson Memorial

- Located on the Wilson Center in Washington, DC, the Jefferson Memorial honors Thomas Jefferson.



Jefferson Memorial

The neoclassical building, which was designed by John Russell Pope and completed in 1943, is composed of marble steps, a dome and a portico. It is an open-air building in West Potomac Park, on the shore of the Tidal Basin of the Potomac River. It is one of the main anchor points in the area of the National Mall in D.C., forming a straight line with the Washington Monument and the White House.

Jefferson Memorial



The interior of the memorial has a 19 foot tall, 10,000 pound bronze statue of Jefferson, which was added four years after the dedication. The interior walls are engraved with passages from Jefferson's writings.

- **What is the Jefferson Memorial?**

Is a recognition of Jefferson's contribution as a statesman, architect, President, drafter of the Declaration of Independence, adviser of the Constitution and founder of the University of Virginia.

- **What does it symbolizes?**

The Age of Enlightenment.

Both former Presidents are located on Mount Rushmore in South Dakota to demonstrate how vital their contributions to the U.S.

