

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The geographical position of the USA

The USA occupies the central part of the North American continent. It borders on Canada in the north and Mexico in the south. It is washed by the Atlantic Ocean in the east, by the Pacific Ocean in the west and by the Gulf of Mexico in the south.

The present territory of the USA consists of three separated parts. The USA proper and Alaska are situated in North America. The Hawaii are situated in the central part of the Pacific Ocean.

The area of the country is about 9,400,000 km². Its population is about 256 million people.

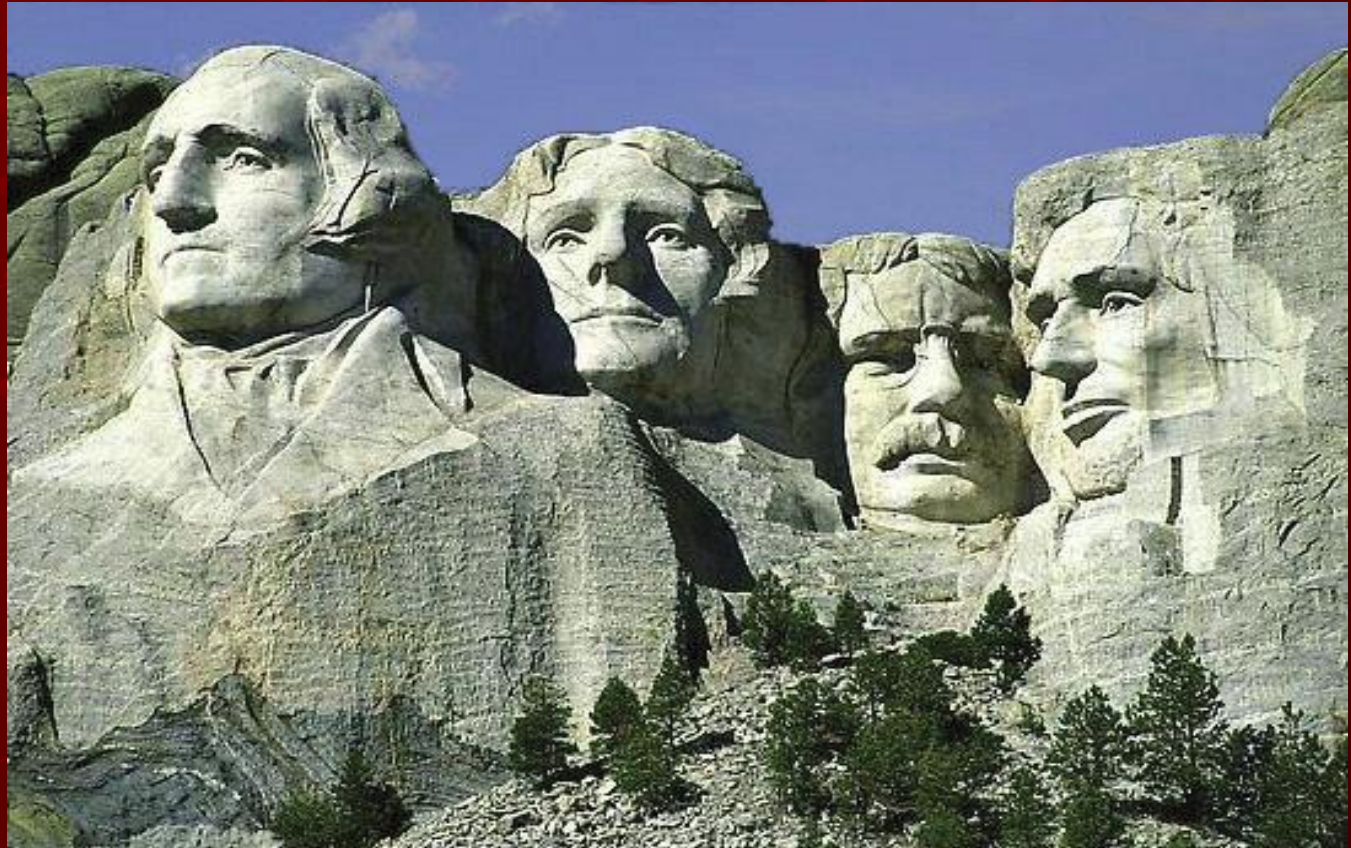
Sightseeing

- The USA – is a large country, and there are many interesting sights, both natural and man-made.



Mount Rushmore

The Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore near Keystone, South Dakota, in the United States. Mount Rushmore features 60-foot sculptures of the heads of four US presidents: G. Washington, T. Jefferson, T. Roosevelt, and A. Lincoln.



Statue of Liberty

Statue of Liberty- was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States and is a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886, designated as a National Monument in 1924 and restored for her centennial on July 4, 1986.



Disneyland

Disneyland Park, commonly known as Disneyland, is the first of two parks built at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, opened on July 17, 1955. Spanning 160 acres and the only theme park to be designed and built under the direct supervision of Walt Disney, it is dedicated to fairy tales and Disney characters



Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls – is a complex of falls on the river Niagara, separating the American State New York from Canadian province Ontario.



Times Square

Times Square – is a major commercial intersection in Midtown Manhattan, New York City, at the junction of Broadway and Seventh Avenue and stretching from West 42nd to West 47th Streets. Times Square is the world's most visited tourist attraction.

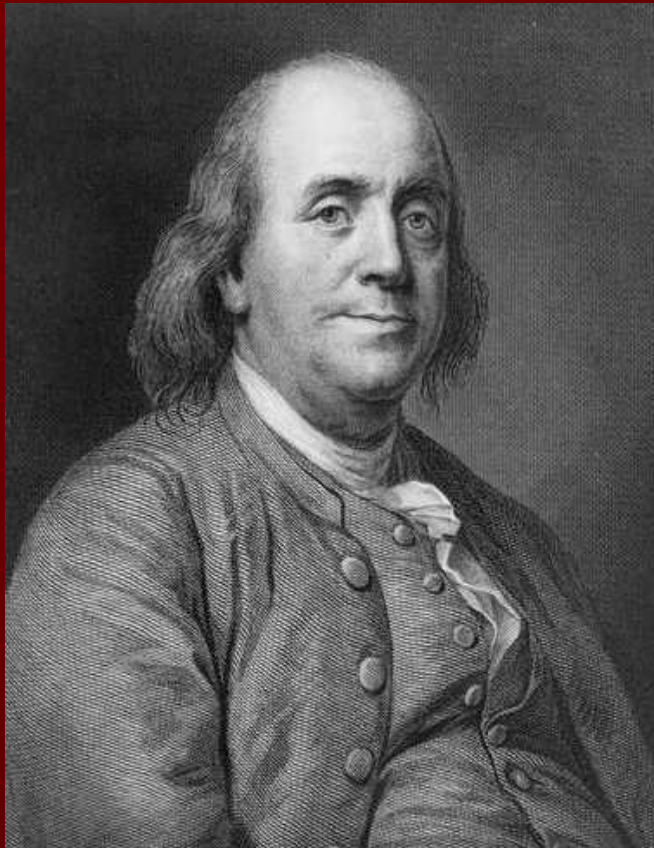


Famous People of the USA

- The United States of America is one of the largest countries in the world. It is also one of the most important English-speaking countries. With the population over 300 million people, the country has a great number of famous and outstanding people.

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Benjamin Franklin-was one of the Founding Fathers of the USA. He was a leading author, printer, politician, scientist, statesman

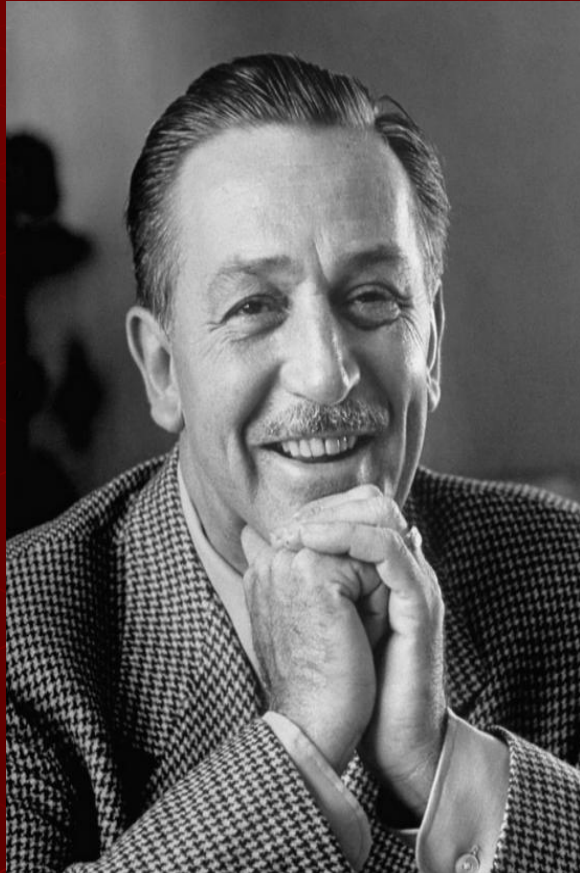


Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the USA. Lincoln successfully led his country through its greatest constitutional, military and moral crisis.



Famous People of the USA

Walt Disney was born on December 5, 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. An American animator, filmmaker and business Walt Disney created a new kind of popular culture with feature-length animated cartoons and live-action "family" films.



Marilyn Monroe- an American film actress, one of the brightest film stars of 1950s. Marilyn Monroe was born on June 1, 1926 in Los Angeles, California.

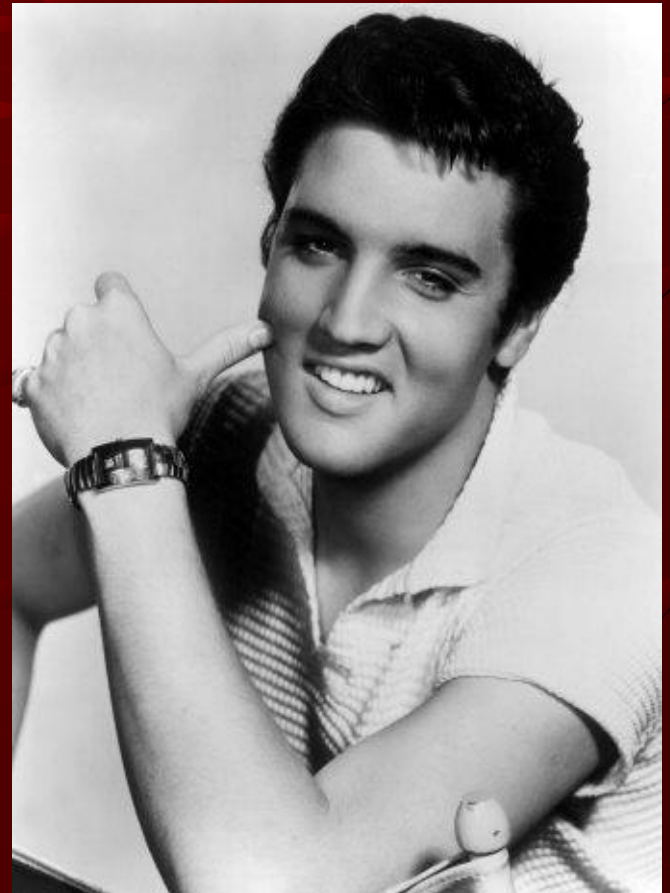


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Frank Sinatra



Elvis Presley



State system

- The Constitution of the USA is the oldest in the world. The President in the USA is elected by citizens and it is considered the highest official of the state. However in the USA the power of the president is essentially limited to two other branches - the Congress, and the Supreme court. At present the president of the USA is Barack Obama.

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Traditions and holidays

- American holidays are strikingly different in origin and show surprising similarities in the manner of their celebration. No matter what the holiday's origin is, they all seem to be the same thing. A holiday has simply become, for most Americans, a day off from work, though some (for example, Thanksgiving and Christmas) retain some individuality.

Traditions and holidays

Christmas

It is usually a one-day official holiday, but it is preceded and followed by festive parties, and marked by special church services, gift-giving and feasting. Christmas is a family holiday. Schools and colleges close between Christmas and New-Year's Day. People stay at home and spend the time with their families. Everybody tries to come home for Christmas.



Traditions and holidays

Thanksgiving Day

- In the USA it is a national holiday. It was first celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrim Fathers after their first good harvest. Thanksgiving is a family day, for it is customary for all members of the family to gather at the home of their parents. The family eats a large traditional dinner, usually with turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.



Traditions and holidays

Halloween

- Halloween is the day or evening before All Saints' Day. Halloween customs date back to a time when people believed in devils, witches and ghosts. They thought that these evil spirits could do all kinds of damage to property. On this day they just have a nice holiday. Children dress up as ghosts and witches and go out into the streets to beg.



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Valentine's Day

- It is not a national holiday. Banks and offices do not close, but it is a happy little festival in honour of St Valentine, patron of sweethearts and lovers. It is widely celebrated among people of all ages by the exchange of "valentines." A "valentine" may mean a special greeting card or a little present. The greeting cards are often coloured red, have red trimmings and pictures of hearts.



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