

# Portraits of the USA Presidents on Mount Rushmore

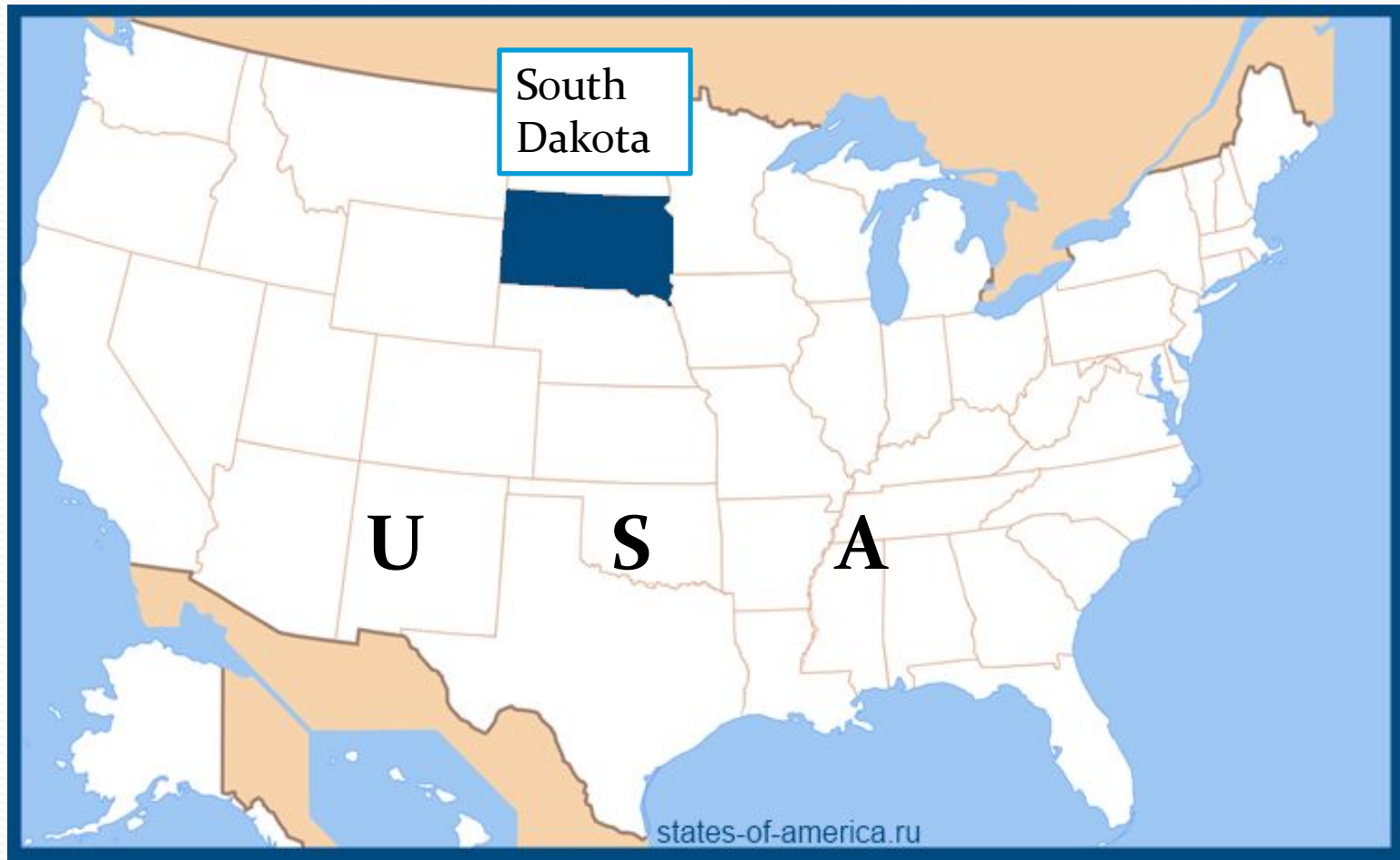


***Aim:** To study the problem of choosing the candidates for the sculptures of Mount Rushmore National Memorial*

## **Tasks:**

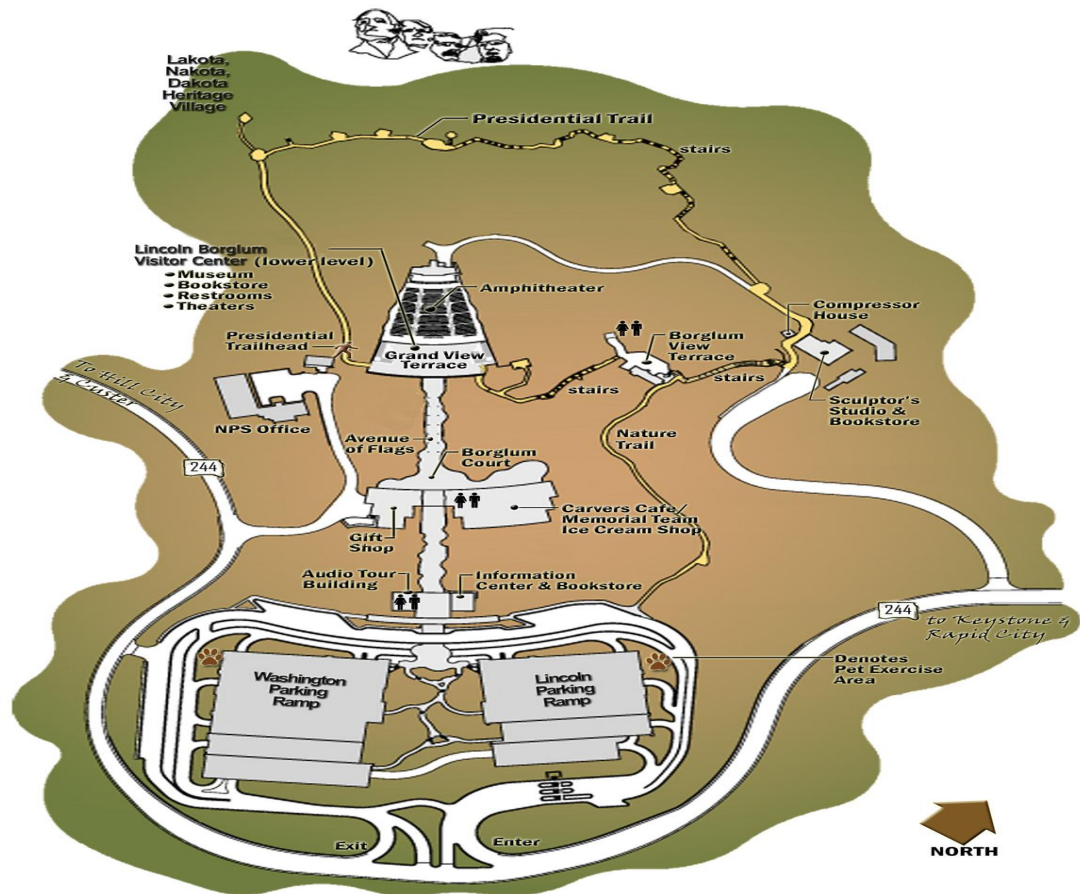
- 1. To systematize all the available materials on the problem.
- 2. To learn the new facts about the work and life of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln.
- 3. To learn some new English words and expressions.
- 4. To improve my English.

*Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in Black Hills near Keystone, South Dakota, in the United States*



# Scheme of Mount Rushmore National Memorial

*It is a large memorial which contains not only the monument itself but also Grand View Terrace, a museum, some offices and hotels. It covers 5.17 km<sup>2</sup>*



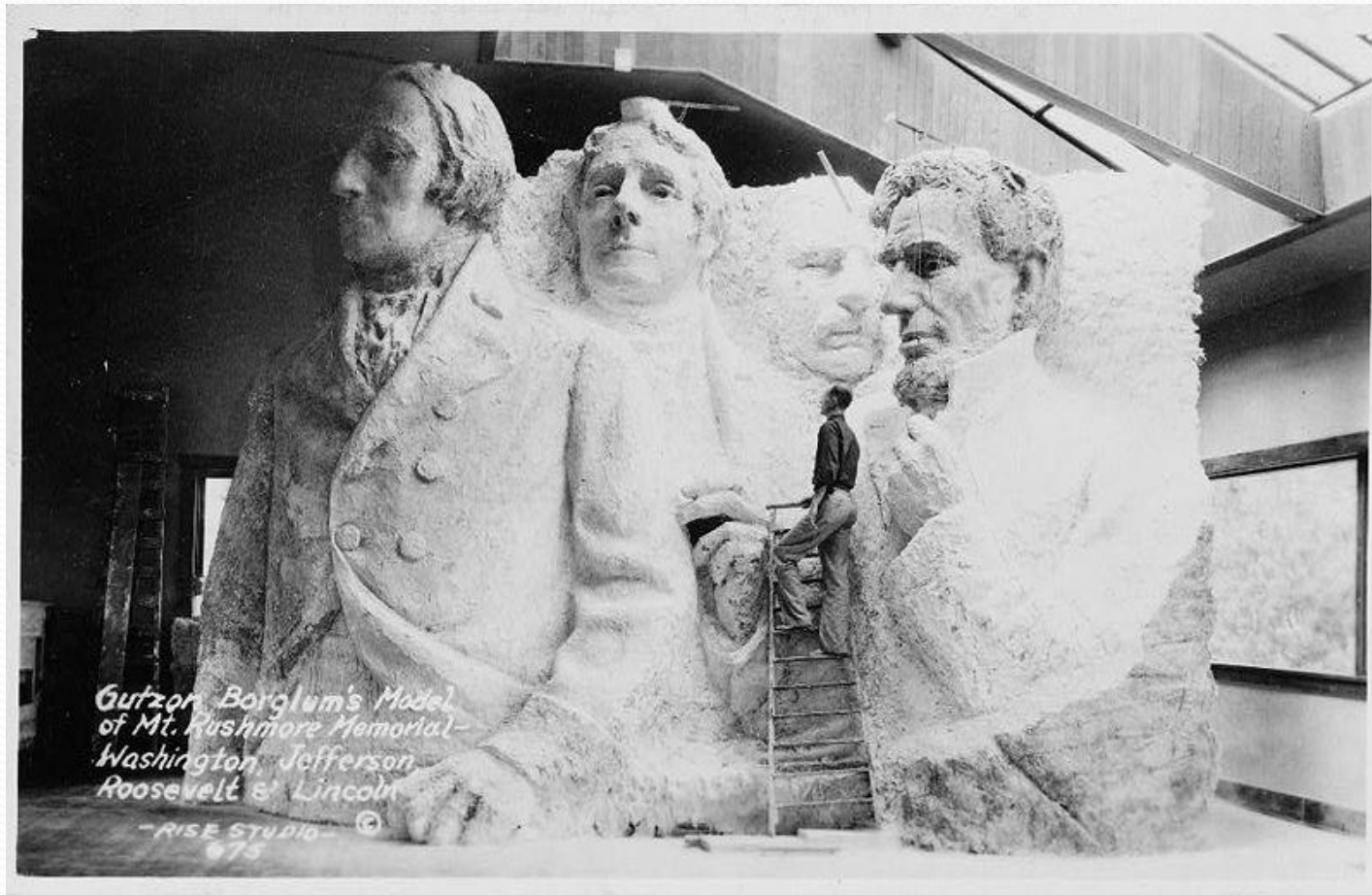


# Portraits of the Four USA Presidents



*Mount Rushmore features 60-foot (18 m) sculptures of the heads of former United States presidents (in order from left to right) George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln. It is 1 745 m (5 725 feet) above sea level*

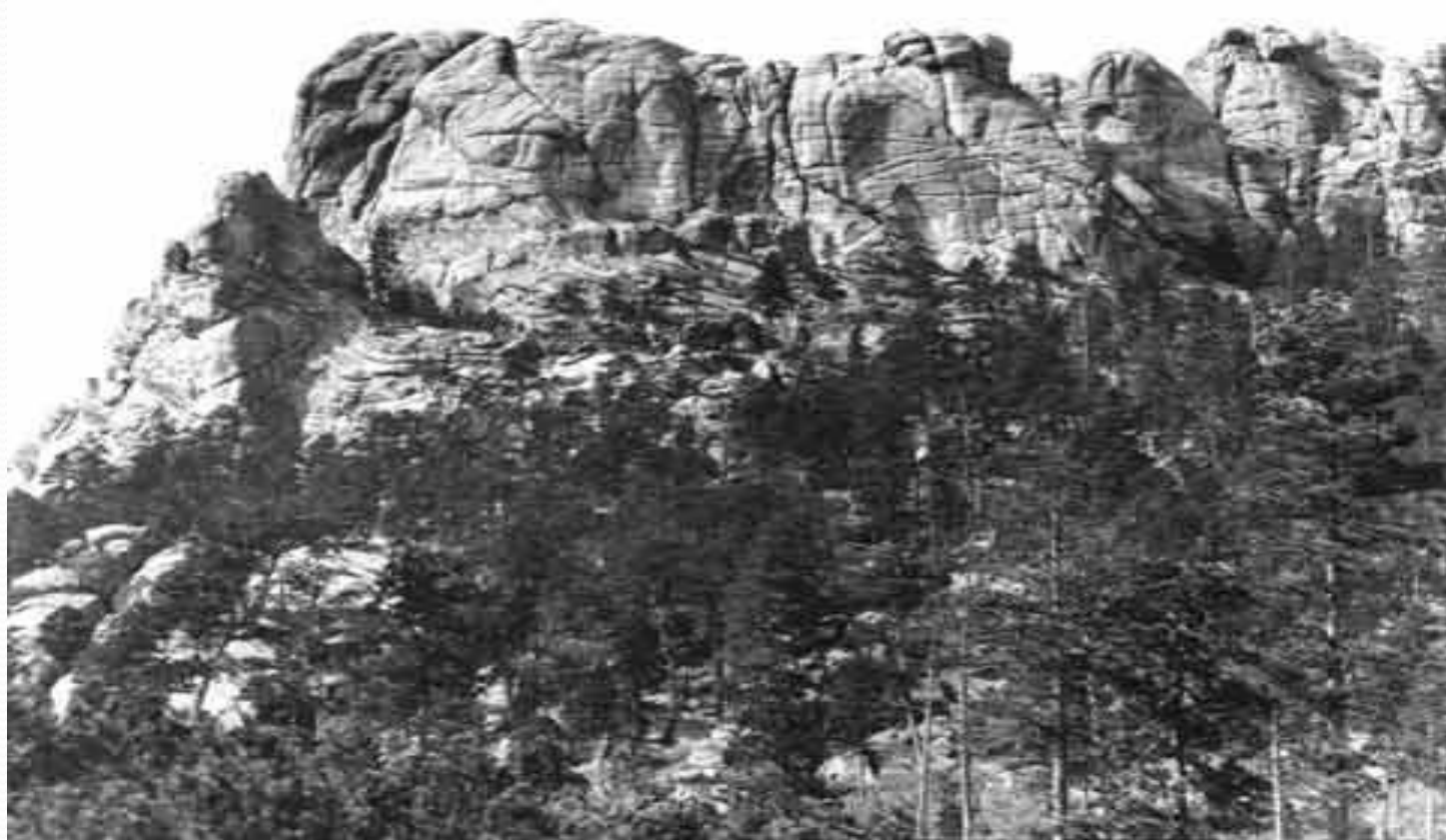
*It was sculptured by Danish- American Gutzon Borglum and his son, Lincoln Borglum*





*Originally the mountain was named Six Grandfathers, but it was renamed after a New York lawyer Charles Rushmore during the expedition of 1885*

## Six Grandfathers in Black Hills



*About 400 men worked at the project. Gutzon Borglum couldn't finish his work because of his death. His son Lincoln did it. In October 1941, the work at Mount Rushmore National Memorial came to an end*



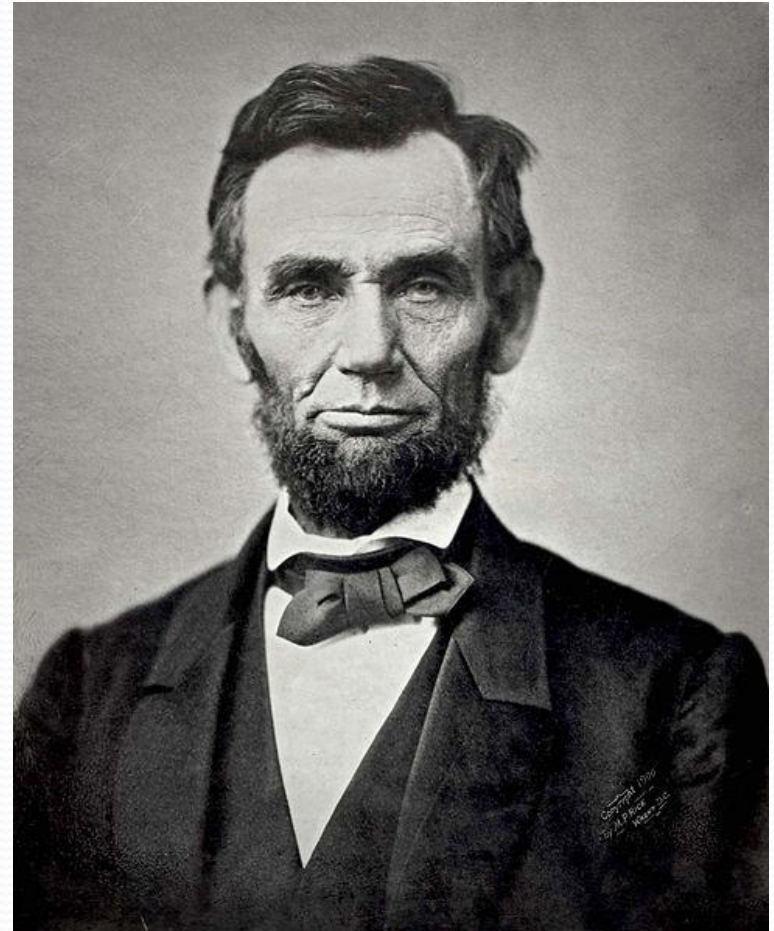


# WHY WERE THEY CHOSEN?

George Washington

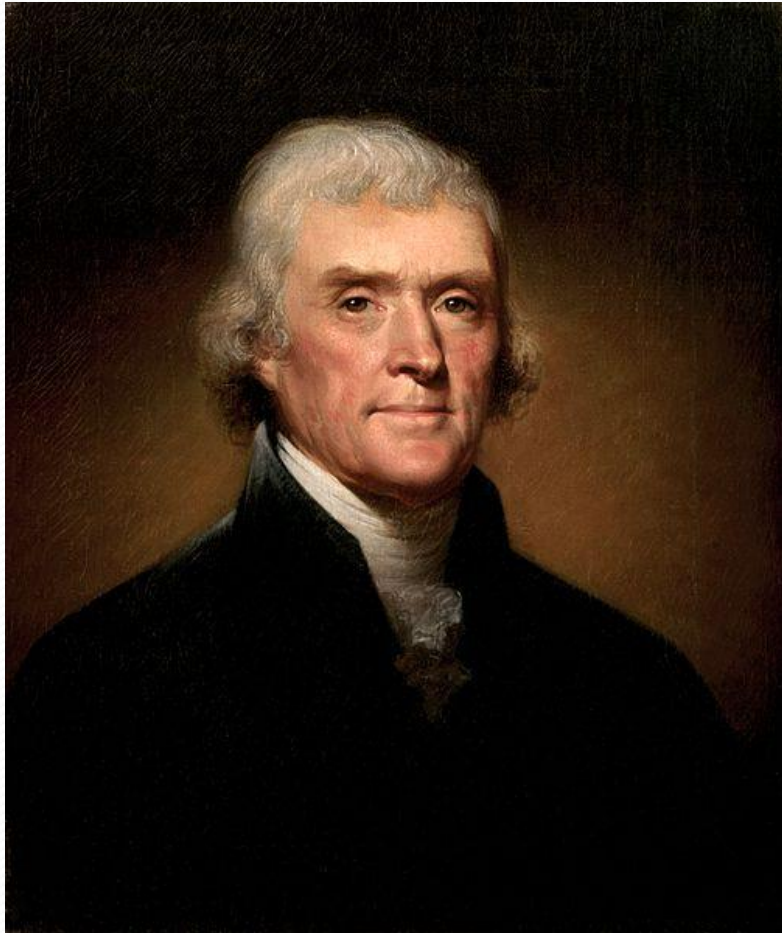


Abraham Lincoln

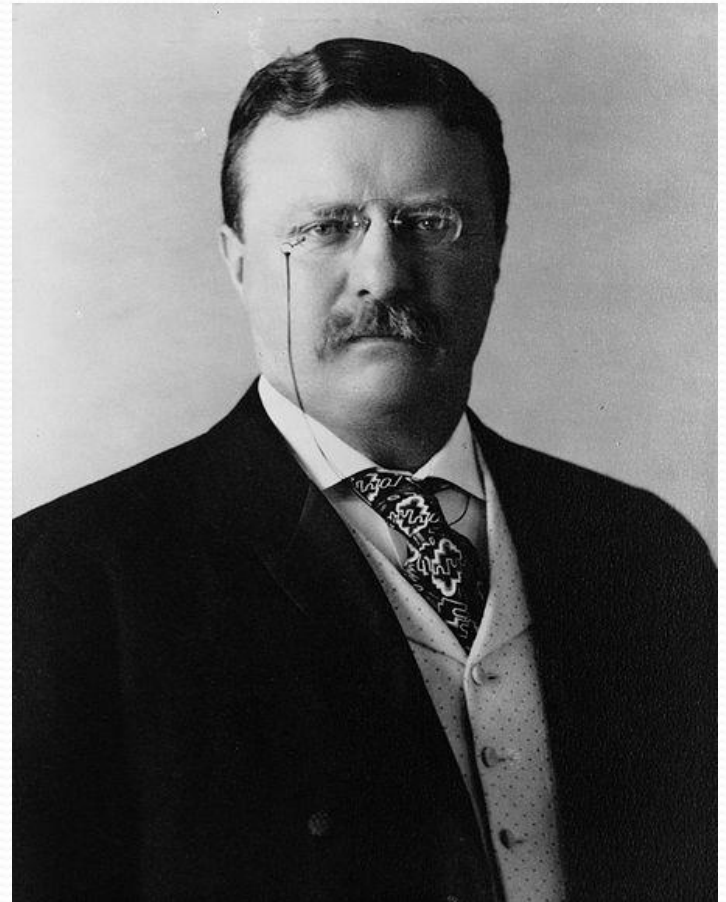


# WHY WERE THEY CHOSEN?

Thomas Jefferson



Theodore Roosevelt



# George Washington – “the Father of the Country” (1732 -1799)

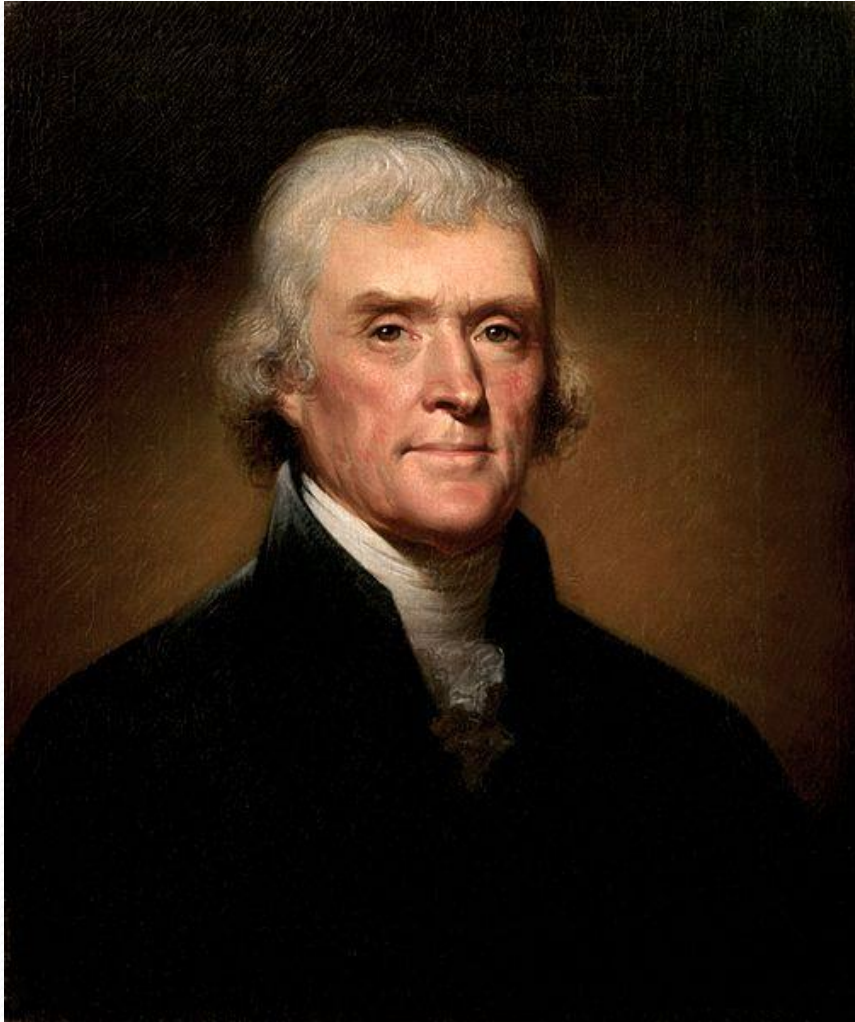
*Washington represented the American spirit of independence, he was instrumental in forming*

*the country's federal government system. His face was the first one completed by Borghum and his crew in 1934*





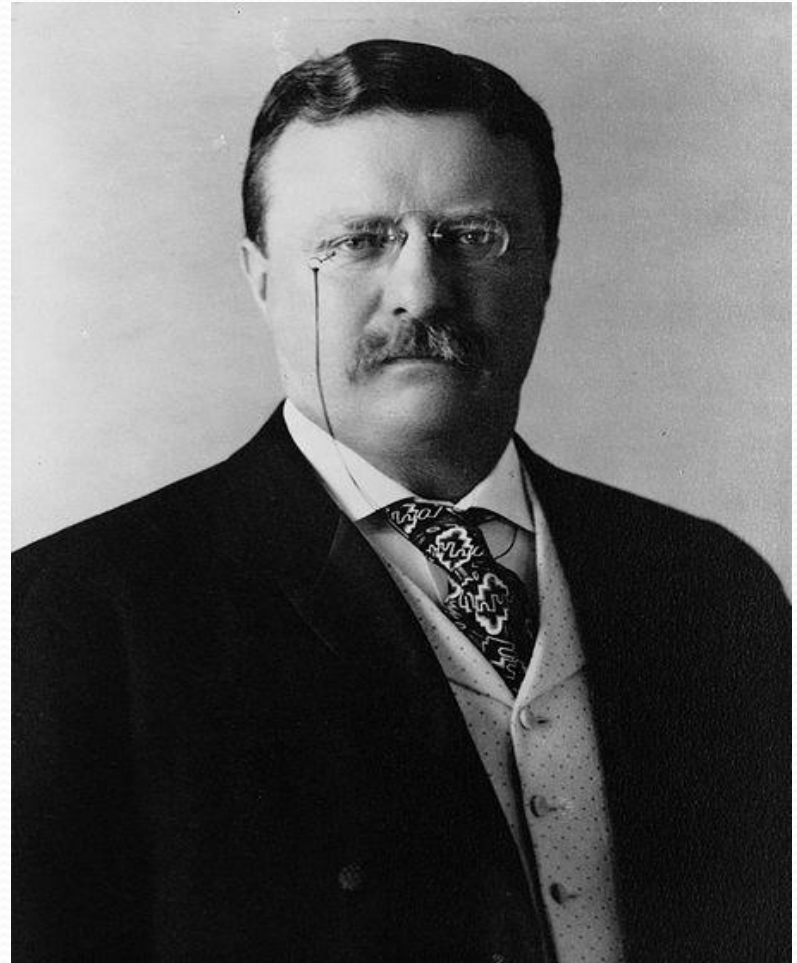
# Thomas Jefferson – “the American Founding Father” (1743 – 1826)



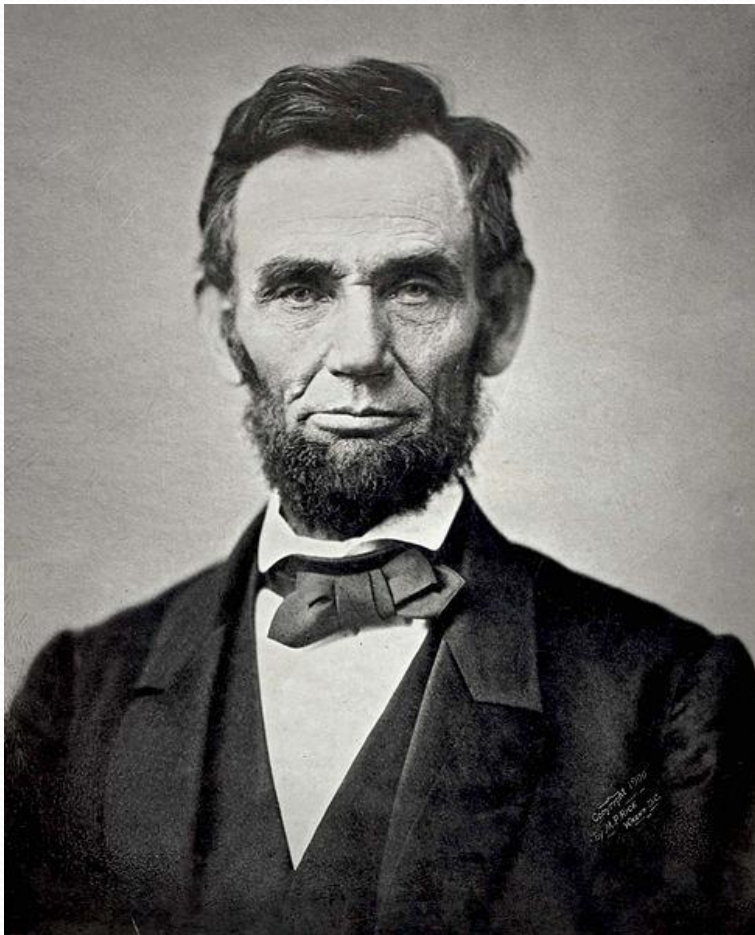
*Declaration of Independence inspired to  
worked towards expanding both the p  
borders of the United States. His portra*

# Theodore Roosevelt connected the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, led the country from isolationism (1858 – 1919)

*President Roosevelt was one of the nation's youngest presidents, he was only 42 when became the President . He led the country from isolationism into the world arena. He led the connection of the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. The image of President Roosevelt on Mount Rushmore even includes his distinctive pince-nez eyeglasses. His portrait was finished in 1939*



# Abraham Lincoln – “the Great Emansipator” (1809 – 1865)

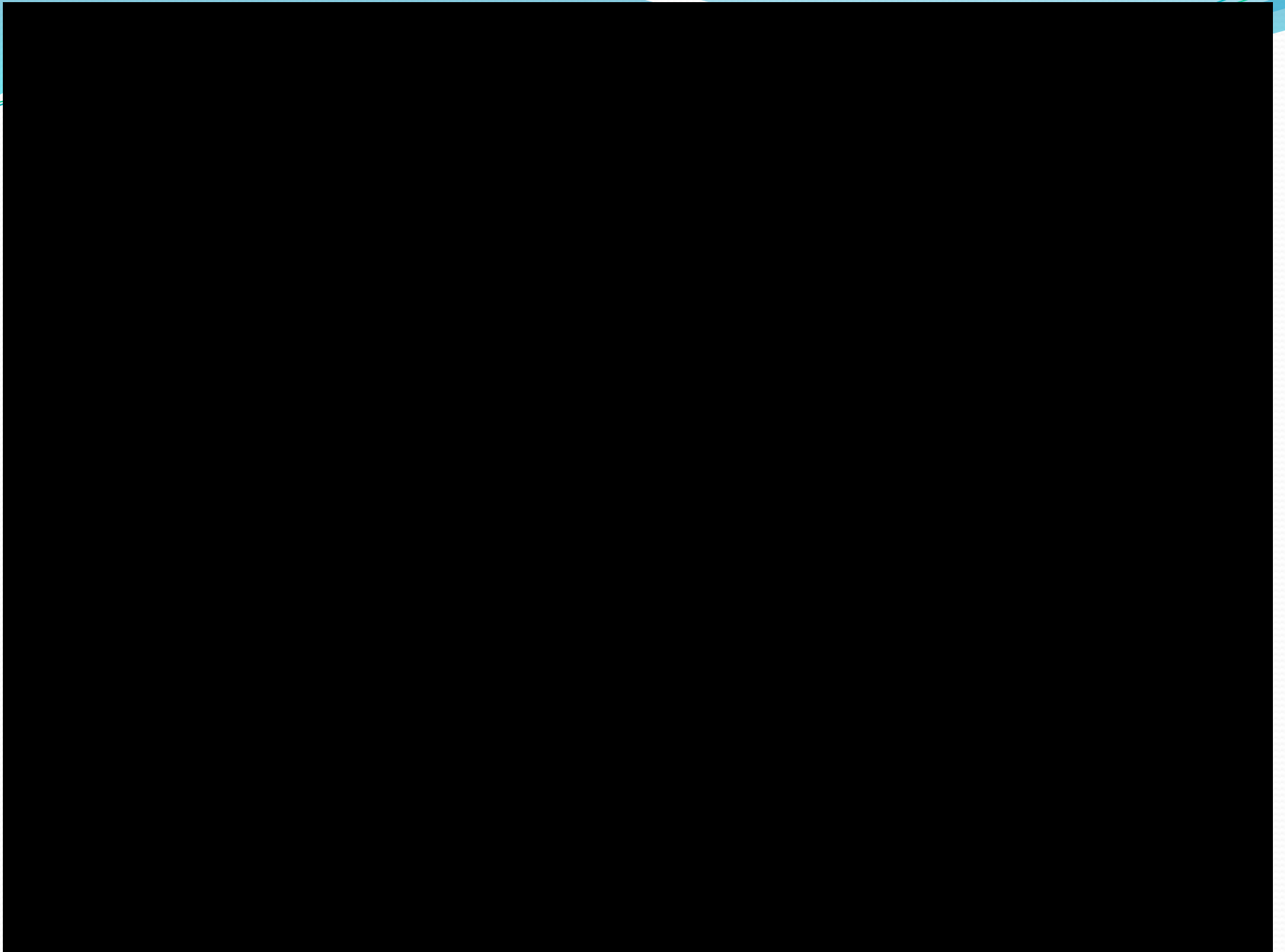


*Abraham Lincoln was the third President featured on Mount Rushmore, but his portrait is situated at the end (the first from the right). While Borglum selected younger images of Washington and Jefferson as models for Mount Rushmore, he selected the familiar bearded face of an older Lincoln as representative of the President's unwavering determination. His portrait was finished in 1937*

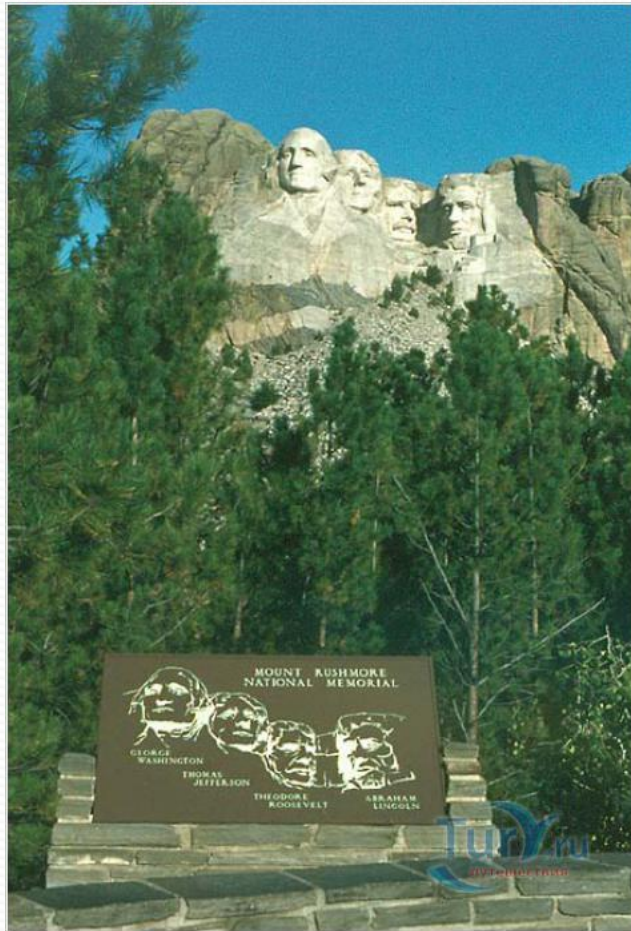


## Conclusion

- The faces of the four presidents were chosen because they best represented the
  - FOUNDATION
  - EXPANSION
  - PRESERVATION
- of the United States of America



# Mount Rushmore from distance







More than 2 million 700 thousand people  
from all over the world

come to Mount Rushmore National  
Memorial every year because it is  
a memorial national in character that  
appeals to all Americans and guests of the  
country

# Entrance to Mount Rushmore National Memorial



...from the heith of bird's flight





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