

## 135 American History Appointment

### Statue of Liberty National Monument, Liberty Island, New York

The Statue of Liberty is a monument to the ideals of democracy, freedom and international friendship. It was a gift from France to acknowledge the good will between the two nations. "Lady Liberty" was dedicated in 1886 and became a National Monument in 1924.

### Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Keystone, South Dakota

Mount Rushmore recognizes the leadership of four U.S. Presidents. It took 14 years to carve the images of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln into the stone mountainside. The memorial was designed and supervised by artist Gutzon Borglum and completed in 1941.

### U.S. Supreme Court Building, Washington, D.C.

The Supreme Court first convened in 1790 but didn't acquire a permanent home until 1935. The architect, Cass Gilbert of New York City, intended for the building to resemble a great marble temple. The main entrance is supported by sixteen columns with the inscription "Equal Justice Under Law" engraved over its doors.

### Paul Revere's Monument, Historic Freedom Trail, Boston, Massachusetts

The statue of Paul Revere is a Boston landmark. His legendary "midnight ride", which took a couple of hours to complete, began on April 18, 1775. Paul Revere warned the nearby militia and colonists that the British army was moving toward Lexington, Massachusetts. It marked the beginning of the American Revolution.

### Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.

The Lincoln Memorial is one of the most frequently visited sites in Washington, D.C. Dedicated in 1922, this monument pays tribute to our country's sixteenth president. The statue (inside) is carved out of 28 blocks of white Georgia marble and stands 19 feet tall. The words of the Gettysburg Address and his Second Inaugural Address are displayed on either side of the seated Abraham Lincoln.

### USS Constitution, Boston, Massachusetts

The USS Constitution is a sturdy, wooden-hulled U.S. Navy frigate and was first launched in 1797. In the War of 1812, a British ship fired directly at the Constitution and the shot ricocheted harmlessly off the boat. This led to its lasting nickname "Old Ironsides." The USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship still afloat.

### Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Capitol Building

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed as the U.S. claimed freedom from Great Britain and Democracy was born. Another important symbol depicted, the U.S. Capitol, not only includes the chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives, it is also a museum of American art and history, which contains the Declaration of Independence painting in the Rotunda.

### Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland

The Battle of Antietam was fought on September 17, 1862. This fiercely fought campaign resulted in the heaviest number of casualties in a single day during the Civil War. It was a victory for the Union and led Abraham Lincoln to announce the Emancipation Proclamation.

### Empty Sky Memorial in Liberty State Park, Jersey City, New Jersey

The Empty Sky Memorial is dedicated to the 749 New Jersey residents who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Twin walls of burnished steel are connected by a granite walkway leading toward a view of Ground Zero. The names of those who perished at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, are etched into the wall.

### The Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Liberty Bell was cast in 1751 and originally called the State House Bell. Its name changed over time as it became a symbol of "justice" and "liberty for all." It is housed at the Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia. The bell weighs over 2,000 pounds and the circumference at the bottom is 12 feet wide.

### Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C.

Thomas Jefferson was a philosopher, statesman and the third president of the United States. The Jefferson Memorial was modeled after the Pantheon in Rome and dedicated in 1943. A bronze statue of Jefferson and quotations from his writings are contained within the structure.

### Washington Monument, Washington, D.C.

The four-sided Washington Monument is one of the world's tallest masonry structures standing over 555 feet tall. It was built as a tribute to George Washington, honoring his role as the first president of the United States and "Father of our Country." Fifty flags surround the perimeter symbolizing the fifty states of the Union.