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1. The Grand Canyon National Park

<http://www.thecanyon.com/>

<http://www.thecanyon.com/webpage.php/swmc/webpages/faqs#Location>

<http://www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/plants.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/animals.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/index.htm>

http://images.search.yahoo.com/search/images?_adv_prop=image&fr=my-myy&va=The+Grand+Canyon

Research Questions for the Grand Canyon

- a. Where is the Grand Canyon located?
- b. How big is the Grand Canyon?
- c. When did the Grand Canyon become a National Park?
- d. What river created the Grand Canyon?
- e. What kinds of animals can be found in the Grand Canyon?
- f. What kinds of plants can be found in the Grand Canyon?
- g. What is the weather like at the Grand Canyon?
- h. If someone visits the Grand Canyon, what types of activities can they do to see the canyon?
- i. Find other interesting facts about the Grand Canyon.
- j. Try to find lots of pictures of the Canyon to show how large and different it can look.

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2. The Statue of Liberty

<http://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/stli/historyculture/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/stli/photosmultimedia/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/featurecontent/stli/eTour.htm>

<http://libertystatepark.com/emma.htm>

Research Questions for the Statue of Liberty

- a. What is the statue's real name?
- b. Where is the statue located?
- c. Who gave the statue to the United States? Why did they give us such an important and expensive gift?
- d. Who were the artists involved in creating the statue?
- e. When was it dedicated? When did it become a National Monument?
- f. What is the statue made of? Why is it green?
- g. Lady Liberty's right foot is standing on broken chains. What does that symbolize?
- h. Who is Emma Lazarus?
- i. Find the last 5 famous lines from "**The New Colossus**" that are inscribed on a plaque on display in the Statue of Liberty's exhibit.
- j. The statue is a symbol of what ideals?
- k. Find other interesting facts about the Statue of Liberty.

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3. The Lincoln Memorial

<http://www.nps.gov/linc/historyculture/places.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/linc/historyculture/lincoln-memorial-building-statistics.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/linc/historyculture/lincoln-memorial-important-individuals.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/featurecontent/ncr/linc/interactive/deploy/index.htm#/introduction>

<http://www.nps.gov/featurecontent/ncr/linc/interactive/deploy/index.htm#/about>

Research Questions for the Lincoln Memorial

- a) Where is the Lincoln Memorial located (include street names if possible)?
- b) Who was the architect/designer of the Lincoln Memorial?
- c) Who was the sculptor (artist) who created the statue of Abraham Lincoln?
- d) When was it built?
- e) What types of materials were used to build the memorial?
- f) How big is the memorial?
- g) What words are inscribed above Abraham Lincoln's statue in the memorial.
- h) Martin Luther King Jr. gave a famous speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. When did he give that speech and what was the title of the speech?
- i) Find other interesting facts about the Lincoln Memorial or Abraham Lincoln.

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4. The White House

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house>

<http://www.googleartproject.com/collection/the-white-house/museumview/>

Research Questions for the White House:

- a) What is the address of the White House?
- b) What is the White House used for?
- c) For what branch of the US Government is the White House used?
- d) Who was the first president to live in the White House?
- e) Find out why it is called the White House. What other names has it been called?
- f) What happened in 1814 to the White House?
- g) How many rooms are there in the White House?
- h) What are the names of some of the rooms in the White House? Tell what those rooms are used for.
- i) Find other interesting facts about the White House.

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5. The US Capitol

<http://kids.clerk.house.gov/grade-school/lesson.html?intID=33>
<http://kids.clerk.house.gov/young-learners/lesson.html?intID=32#>
http://www.congressforkids.net/Legislativebranch_house.htm
http://www.congressforkids.net/Legislativebranch_senate.htm

Research Questions for the US Capitol:

- a) What is the address of the US Capitol?
- b) What is the Capitol used for?
- c) For what branch of the US Government is the Capitol used?
- d) When was it built?
- e) What happened to the Capitol in 1814?
- f) What is Statuary Hall?
- g) What is the Rotunda?
- h) Where in the Capitol does the president give his annual State of the Union address?
- i) How many representatives does the House of Representatives have?
- j) What are the qualifications for being a representative, and how many years is his/her term?
- k) How many senators does the US Senate have?
- l) What are the qualifications for being a senator, and how many years is his/her term?
- m) Find other interesting facts about the US Capitol.

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6. The Washington Monument

<http://www.nps.gov/wamo/historyculture/index.htm>

Research Questions for the Washington Monument

- a. How tall is the Washington Monument?
- b. Where is the monument located?
- c. The monument was built in two phases. What were the dates for the two phases?
- d. Why was building of the monument stopped in 1854?
- e. On what date was the monument dedicated?
- f. What happened on August 22, 2011 that has caused the National Park service to close the Washington Monument to visitors?
- g. Find other interesting facts about the Washington Monument or about George Washington.

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7. The Supreme Court

http://www.congressforkids.net/Judicialbranch_supremecourt.htm

<http://www.supremecourt.gov/about/briefoverview.aspx>

<http://www.supremecourt.gov/visiting/visitorsguide-supremecourt.aspx>

Research Questions for the Supreme Court

- a) What is the address of the Supreme Court building?
- b) What is the Supreme Court building used for?
- c) What branch of the US Government is the Supreme Court?
- d) When was the Supreme Court building built?
- e) Where did the Supreme Court meet before they had their own building?
- f) Find the names of the Supreme Court Justices.
- g) What is the motto of the Supreme Court?
- h) Who was the first woman Supreme Court justice?
- i) Who was the first African American Supreme Court justice?
- j) Find other interesting facts about the Supreme Court.

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8. Fort McHenry, Baltimore

<http://scienceviews.com/parks/fortmchenry.html>

<http://www.nps.gov/fomc/forteachers/classrooms/the-rockets-red-glare.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/137FOMC/137locate1.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/137FOMC/137visual6.htm>

Research Questions for the Fort McHenry

- a. Where is Fort McHenry located?
- b. Why was the fort built?
- c. What was the fort's original name?
- d. Who was the fort named after and why?
- e. Why was the fort built as a five-point star?
- f. What is the fort made of?
- g. What happened in September 1814 that made Fort McHenry famous?
- h. What does the Star Spangled Banner have to do with Fort McHenry?
- i. What was the fort used for during the Civil War?
- j. What was the fort used for during World War I?
- k. How large was the flag flown during the famous battle in 1814?
- l. Where is that flag from 1814 kept today?
- m. Find other interesting facts about Fort McHenry.

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9. Yosemite National Park (California)

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>

<http://www.yosemitepark.com/yosemite-waterfalls.aspx>

<http://www.yosemitepark.com/yosemite-cliffs.aspx>

<http://www.yosemitepark.com/yosemite-trees-plants.aspx>

<http://www.yosemitepark.com/yosemite-wildlife.aspx>

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/historyculture/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/index.htm>

Research Questions for Yosemite National Park

- a. Where is Yosemite National Park located?
- b. How large is the park?
- c. What are Sequoias?
- d. What kinds of animals live in Yosemite National Park?
- e. What kinds of plants can be found in the park?
- f. What are the two main rivers in Yosemite?
- g. Tell about some of the waterfalls in Yosemite.
- h. Tell about some of the famous cliffs in Yosemite.
- i. If someone visits Yosemite, what types of activities can they do?
- j. Find other interesting facts about the Yosemite.
- k. Try to find lots of pictures of the Yosemite.

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10. The Great Lakes

http://www.great-lakes.net/teach/geog/intro/intro_1.html

<http://www.great-lakes.net/lakes/ref/lakefact.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/atlas/glat-ch4.html>

http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/Summer_Training/LincolnParkES/background.htm

http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/Summer_Training/LincolnParkES/GLF-S.HTML

http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/Summer_Training/LincolnParkES/GLF-M.html

http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/Summer_Training/LincolnParkES/GLF-H.html

http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/Summer_Training/LincolnParkES/GLF-E.html

http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/Summer_Training/LincolnParkES/GLF-O.html

Research Questions for Great Lakes

- a. Where are the Great Lakes located?
- b. What are the names of each of the lakes?
- c. How large are the lakes?
- d. How much water do the lakes contain? Is it fresh water or salt water?
- e. What created the Great Lakes?
- f. Find facts about the size of each of the lakes.
- g. What large cities can be found near the Great Lakes?
- h. What can cause pollution in the lakes?
- i. Find any other interesting facts about the lakes.

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11. The Great Smoky Mountains

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/naturescience/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/upload/2013-trip-planner-with-map-bc.pdf>

Research Questions for Great Smoky Mountains

- a. Where are the Great Smoky Mountains located?
- b. How large is the park?
- c. What kinds of animals can be found in Great Smoky Mountains National Park?
- d. What kinds of plants can be found in the park?
- e. Tell about some of the waterfalls in the park.
- f. Tell about the highest point in the park.
- g. If someone visits Great Smoky Mountains, what types of activities can they do?
- h. Find other interesting facts about the Great Smoky Mountains.
- i. Try to find lots of pictures of the Great Smoky Mountains.

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12. Carlsbad Caverns National Park (New Mexico)

<http://www.nps.gov/cave/naturescience/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/cave/historyculture/index.htm>

Research Questions for Carlsbad Caverns National Park

- a. Where is the Carlsbad Caverns National Park located?
- b. How large is the park?
- c. How many limestone caves are in the park?
- d. Who was the first person to explore the depths of the caverns?
- e. What kinds of animals can be found in Carlsbad Caverns National Park?
- f. What kinds of plants can be found in the park?
- g. If someone visits Carlsbad Caverns, what types of activities can they do?
- h. Find other interesting facts about the Carlsbad Caverns.
- i. Try to find lots of pictures of the Carlsbad Caverns.

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13. The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall (Philadelphia)

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/symbols/independencehall.html>

<http://www.ushistory.org/libertybell/>

<http://www.ushistory.org/libertybell/facts.html>

http://www.libertyskids.com/arch_where_indepen.html

<http://www.ushistory.org/libertybell/more/normandybell.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/inde/independence-hall-1.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm>

Research Questions for the Liberty Bell

- a. Where is the Liberty Bell located?
- b. When was it created?
- c. When did the bell crack?
- d. How much does the bell weigh?
- e. What was the bell used for in 1776?
- f. What materials is the bell made from?
- g. What is Independence Hall?
- h. What group met in Independence Hall in 1775 to 1783?
- i. What is the Declaration of Independence?
- j. Find other interesting facts about the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall.

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14.The Jefferson Memorial

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/wash/dc73.htm>

<http://architecture.about.com/od/usa/ig/Washington-DC/Jefferson-Memorial.htm>

Research Questions for the Jefferson Memorial

- a) Where is the Jefferson Memorial located (include street names if possible)?
- b) Who was the architect/designer of the Jefferson Memorial?
- c) Who was the sculptor (artist) who created the statue of Thomas Jefferson?
- d) When was it built?
- e) What types of materials were used to build the memorial?
- f) What famous building in Rome is the Jefferson Memorial modeled after?
- g) What special activities take place at the Jefferson Memorial?
- h) Find other interesting facts about the Jefferson Memorial or Thomas Jefferson.