

## **LANDMARKS**

## What is a Landmark?

A landmark is any prominent object on land that can be used in determining location or direction.

A memorial is a special kind of landmark which was built to honor and remember a person, a group, or event.

## **World Landmarks**

• **Great Wall of China** - longest structure ever built, it can be seen from space



- Stonehenge, Britain monolithic rocks stand in a huge circle
- **Tower of London** stone tower built to hold prisoners in medieval England
- Big Ben London clock tower
- Eiffel Tower wrought iron 300 m high





- Pyramids at Giza
- Sphinx a statue that has the face of a pharoah and the body of a lion



- Taj Mahal Agra, India a beautiful palace built as a burial place for Shah's wife in 1630
- Roman Colosseum Italy Gladiators fought in this huge amphitheatre



• Sydney Opera House - Australia - built to look like the sails of a ship, situated in Sydney Harbor



- Rock of Gibraltar a large rock at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. It is often seen in advertising as a symbol of strength and endurance.
- CN Tower in Toronto, Canada world's tallest at 1814'
- The Vatican A small city within Rome, Italy where the leader of the Catholic Church, the Pope, lives and works.



## **Landmarks in the United States**

• **Lincoln Memorial** - a huge statue of Abraham Lincoln seen sitting in a chair in Washington, D.C.



- US Marine Memorial Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, VA
- Liberty Bell was rung to announce the signing of the Dec. of Independence in Philadelphia. It has a wide crack in it.



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- Independence Hall Philadelphia PA Declaration of Independence and Constitution signed here
- **FDR Memorial** in Washington, DC has 4 rooms for each of his presidential terms of office
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial a Wall of Names of men and women who died in Viet Nam War
- Mt. Rushmore in Black Hills of South Dakota The faces of Washington, Jefferson, T. Roosevelt and Lincoln are carved out of rock in the side of a hill.





- **Gateway Arch** St. Louis, Missouri 630 feet wide at base, 630 feet high tallest monument in US
- Statue of Liberty On Bedloes Island (now Liberty Island) in NY harbor - gift from France in 1884. It's real name is Liberty Enlightening the World. She holds a book with July 4, 1776 inscribed.



- Mt. Vernon George Washington's home on Potomac River in VA
- **Grand Canyon** Arizona 217 miles long, 4-18 miles wide, 1 mile deep, carved by the Colorado River
- Niagara Falls a powerful waterfall between New York State and Ontario, Canada
- Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco, CA
- Women's Hall of Fame Seneca Falls, NY
- Wrigley Park Chicago famed baseball stadium
- Fenway Park Boston famed baseball stadium
- Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, New York another, newer famed baseball stadium
- Sears Tower in Chicago, Illinois is 1728 ft tall