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# The capital of the United States

## Washington DC

It was founded on July 16, 1790 and established by the Constitution of the United States to serve as the nation's capital.

The choice of Washington's site along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers resulted from a compromisse between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson. George Washington, the first President, chose the site for the arrival of the new government in 1800. Its design was inspired by the french architecture.

As a Southern city, Washington has Always had a significant African American population. Before the Civil War, the city was home to a growing number of free blacks who worked as craftsmen, drivers, businessmen and laborers.

## A cosmopolitan city



Washington is also a cosmopolitan city. It has a growing Latino population that represents every Central and South American country with a particularly large community of Salvadorans. A large Ethiopian population has resulted from the political turmoil there. New ethnic groups have brought new restaurants, as well as new residents.

Some places you can visit are:

- The Capitol Building
- Washington Monument
- The White House
- Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
- National Zoo
- Ford's Theatre

#### Washington

## New Vocabulary

a)	 
b)	 
c)	 
d)	 
e)	 

#### Answer the questions

- What happened along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers?
- 2. Why was the city named Washington?
- 3. When was it founded?

Vocabulary Encuentre el equivalente

Washington's birthday is july 16

Washington`s place arose after a meeting between Hamilton and Jefferson \_\_\_\_\_

Washington became an important city for Africans \_\_\_\_\_

#### The Lincoln Memorial



### Say true or false

- George Washington wrote the Constitution. True – False
- Potomac was an Indian American tribe True – False
- 3. Thomas Jefferson designed the cityTrue False
- There were many Black people living free in Washington previous the Civil War. True – False
- 5. Salvadorans and Ethiopian are Latino population. True- False

#### Project

Choose one of the places listed above and

- 1) Find information like activities, etc,
- 2) Make a written report,
- 3) Be ready to present it to the class.

Thank you and good luck!