



Your task:

Using the information on the slides below, choose 5 American Landmarks you would like to visit. For each one, name the state and state capital it is located in, a short explanation for why this landmark is important and why you would like to visit it.

E.g.

The Grand Canyon is located in Arizona, whose state capital is Phoenix. The Grand Canyon is a large ravine in America's southwest, which stretches for 277 miles. I would like to visit this landmark as it is a natural canyon and it would be interesting to see what happens there.

EXT: Independent task:

Using or laptops, research how the American government works. Do they have their own houses of parliament or is it a different system? Record your findings in your books.

Grand Canyon, Arizona



Perhaps America's most distinctive geographical feature, this large ravine in America's southwest stretches for 277 miles.

Every year, over 5 million visitors come to view the amazing strata that lie below the earth's surface.

Can you use your map to find Arizona's state capital?

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

- In 1885 when it was finished it was the world's tallest building
- It is 555 feet 5 inches tall
- In the 1850's it was used as a cattle pen, as it lay unfinished



EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

- Around 3,400 workers built this
- Five workers died during construction
- There are 6,514 windows in the building
- The lightning rod at the top is struck around 23 times every year



STATUE OF LIBERTY

- Built in France, transported in crates
- The official name is 'Liberty Enlightening the World'
- It is located on Liberty Island, New York
- Replicas can be found in Paris and Las Vegas



BROOKLYN BRIDGE

- It took 14 years and 600 workers
- It connects Manhattan and Brooklyn
- Over 100,000 cars use it every day
- In 1884, 21 circus elephants crossed the bridge



MOUNT RUSHMORE

- Found in South Dakota, USA
- The carving took 14 years
- Over 400 workers worked on the sculpture
- The whole project cost US \$989,992.32



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

- Construction began in 1933
- The colour is called 'International Orange'
- It weighs 887,000 tons
- It has been closed due to weather 3 times



HOOVER DAM

- The Hoover Dam is 726 feet tall
- 20,000 cars drive across it each day
- It was built between 1931-1936
- The Dam is 30 miles southeast of Las Vegas



GATEWAY ARCH

- It is as wide as it is tall - 630 feet
- The arch was complete in 1965
- There are 1,076 steps to the top
- It is found in St. Louis, Missouri, USA

