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The White House

The White House is the official residence of the President of the United States. It is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. You can write the President a letter and send it to that address!

Every president of the United States has lived in the White House except for our first president, George Washington. The White House was not completed until 1800, three years after he left office.

The British burned the White House during the War of 1812. The house was soon rebuilt. Since then, many of the original rooms have been updated and new rooms have been added.

The President conducts his business in the Oval Office in the White House. Many visitors tour the White House daily and are able to see many beautiful and historic rooms in the house. These rooms include the East Room, the China Room, the Blue Room, the Map Room, and the State Dining Room.



Did you know?

The White House has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 levels. There are also 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, and 3 elevators!

For recreation, the White House has a variety of facilities available to its residents, including a tennis court, jogging track, swimming pool, movie theater, and bowling lane.

The Gateway Arch

When you visit St. Louis, you can't miss the Gateway Arch! It stands 630 feet (193 meters) tall, and is made of stainless steel. It was designed to be a monument to the United States' westward expansion of the 1800s. Visitors can take trams up the hollow legs of the arch, and look out over the city from the top. It's an incredible sight, and the centerpiece of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.



A haiku is a three line poem with a certain number of syllables in each line. Look at the example below:

The first line has 5 syllables

Oh, the Gate/way Arch

1 2 3 4 5

The second line has 7 syllables

So tall, mag/ni/fi/cent, wow

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

The third line has 5 syllables

A/maz/ing struc/ture!

1 2 3 4 5

Now, write your own haiku about the amazing Gateway Arch!

An All-American Lady!

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from another country. Starting with the first letter, scratch out every other letter to learn which country.

G F I R K A O N X C Q E

The Statue of Liberty was so big that she had to be shipped in
___ ___ ___ crates.

To find the number, add $200 + 10 + 4$.

Statue of Liberty

To reach the top of the Statue of Liberty, you have to climb

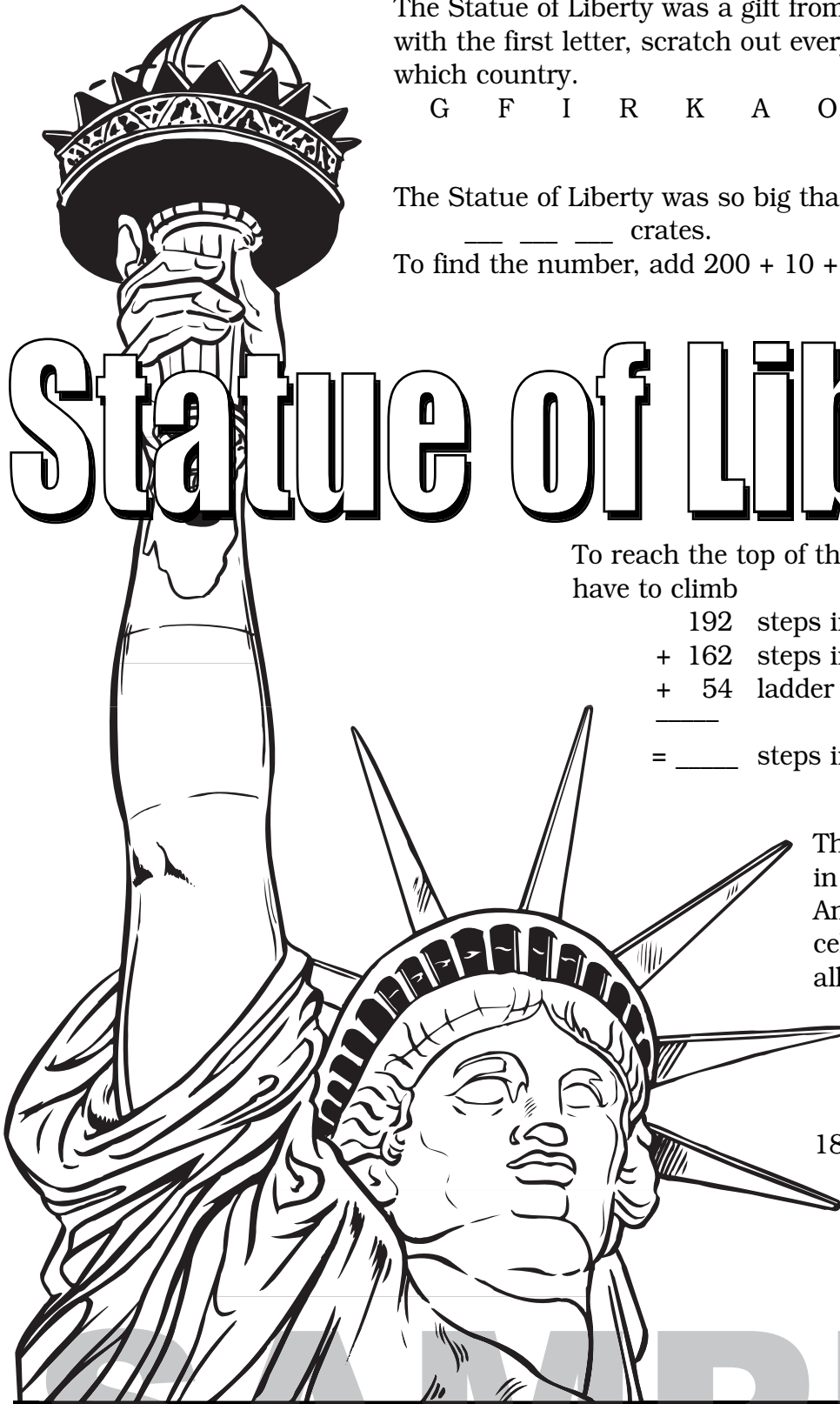
192 steps in the pedestal
+ 162 steps inside
+ 54 ladder rungs to the torch tip

= ___ steps in all!

The Statue of Liberty arrived in pieces in 1876. In 1886, Americans held a big party to celebrate that she was finally all together!

How many years did it take to put her together?

$1886 - 1876 = \underline{\quad} \underline{\quad}$ years!



Rush to Mount Rushmore!

Imagine seeing 60-foot (18.3-meter) tall faces staring at you from the side of a mountain. Now imagine those faces are of four former presidents. You have an accurate picture in your head of Mount Rushmore, **South Dakota's** pride and joy.

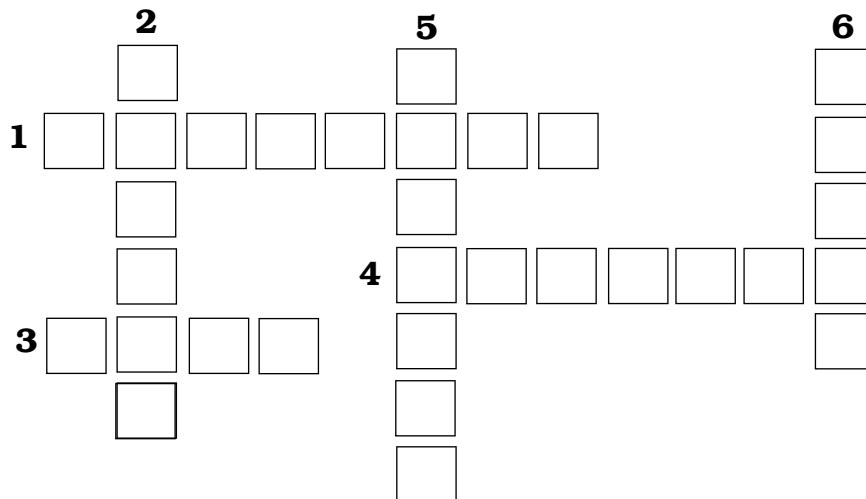
Off and on between the years of 1927 and 1941, sculptor Gutzon Borglum worked on this impressive monument. Lincoln Borglum took the reigns of the project after his father's death in 1941. It cost \$990,000 to dynamite, chisel, jackhammer, and carve the likenesses of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt out of the granite. More than 2.5 million people flock to Mount Rushmore every year! It's one of the most popular national parks and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1991.

ACROSS

- South Dakota is the home of Mount _____.
- The monument is carved out of the _____ face of the mountain.
- The monument honors _____ former presidents.

DOWN

- The monument was started by _____ Borglum in 1927.
- In 1941, Lincoln _____ took over the project.
- There are 60-foot-tall _____ carved into the side of the mountain.



Big Cool USA

Rivers, Lakes, and Mountains

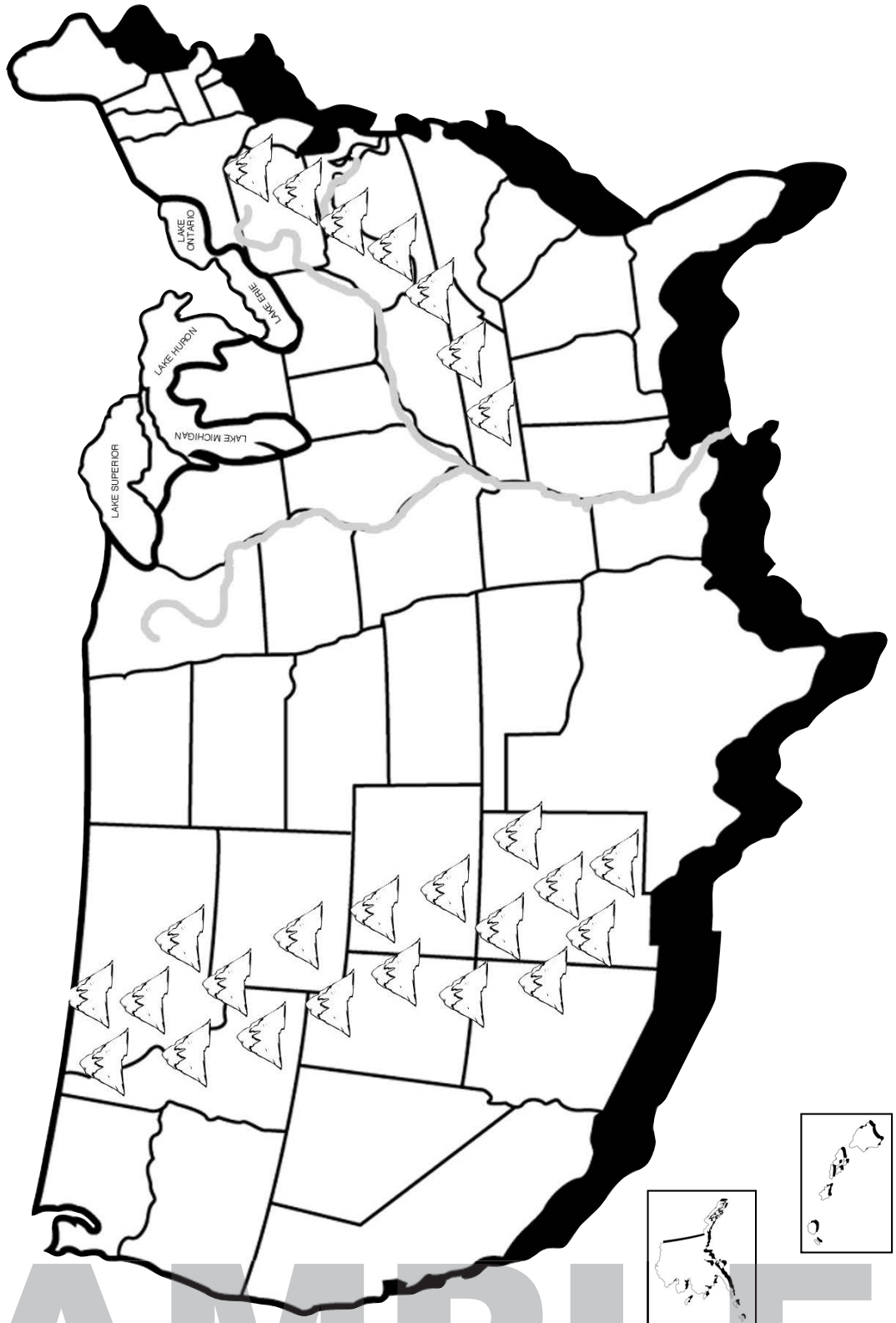
We can use maps to locate rivers, lakes, and mountains in the United States.

Color the five Great Lakes blue.

Color the Appalachian Mountains green.

Color the Rocky Mountains brown.

Trace the Mississippi, Ohio, and Potomac Rivers with an orange crayon.



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