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The Jefferson Memorial

Welcome to the *Jefferson Memorial* in Washington D.C.

Read the following information about the Jefferson Memorial.

The words that are in **bold** will help you answer questions from the Civics part of the Naturalization Test.

The words that are underlined are vocabulary words from the Reading and Writing parts of the Naturalization Test.

Civics Test Questions are highlighted for quick reference.



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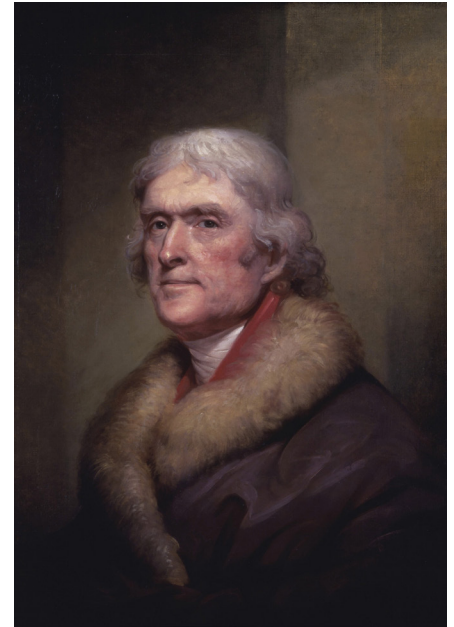
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Thomas Jefferson

The Jefferson Memorial is named after Thomas Jefferson.

Declaration of Independence

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1776.



62. *Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?*

Another word for *Declaration* is “statement.” Another word for *Independence* is “freedom.”

The Declaration of Independence is a “statement of freedom.”

The Declaration of Independence said that the United States is free from Great Britain.

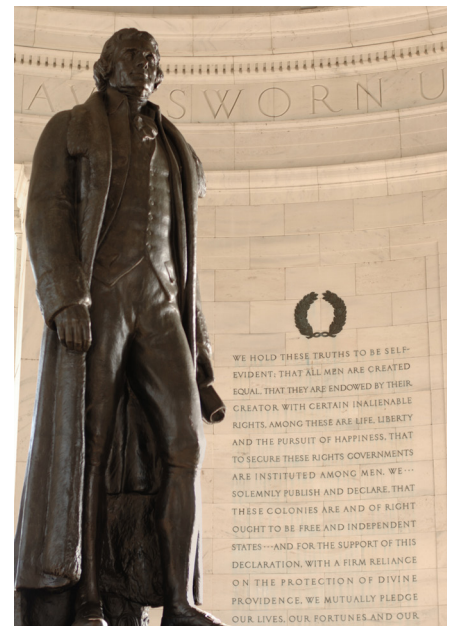
8. *What did the Declaration of Independence do?*

On **July 4, 1776** the Declaration of Independence was **adopted**.

63. *When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?*

This is why **we celebrate Independence Day on July 4.**

99. *When do we celebrate Independence Day?* _____



There is a quote from the Declaration of Independence engraved on the wall of the Jefferson Memorial.

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In this quote from the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson wrote that **everyone has the right to**

- **life**
- **liberty**
- **pursuit of happiness**

9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence? _____

Thomas Jefferson was also the 3rd President of the United States. He served as President of the United States from 1801 - 1809.

The Louisiana Territory

Thomas Jefferson was president when the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France. **The United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803.**



71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

When Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana Territory in 1803, there were only 17 states in the United States. Before Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana Territory, the western border of the United States was the Mississippi River.

The Mississippi River is one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States? _____

Lewis and Clark

In 1804, two explorers named Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began exploring the Louisiana Territory. They traveled through the Louisiana Territory on the Missouri River.

The Missouri River is also one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States? _____

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They traded with American Indian tribes, like the Sioux and the Lakota, that already lived in the Louisiana Territory.

Today, **the Sioux and the Lakota are two of many American Indian tribes in the United States.**

87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States? _____

Lewis and Clarke traveled beyond the border of the Louisiana Territory, all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

The Pacific Ocean is on the West Coast of the United States.

71. What is the ocean on the West Coast of the United States?



In 1806, Lewis and Clark traveled back across the country to Washington, D.C., which is on the East Coast of the United States. **The Atlantic Ocean is on the East Coast of the United States.**

90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States? _____

When they arrived in Washington, D.C., they reported what they saw in the Louisiana Territory to Thomas Jefferson.

Information about the Jefferson Memorial

Construction on the Jefferson Memorial began in 1938. It was completed in 1943.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial is located in the Tidal Basin. There are 3 other major memorials located around the Tidal Basin:

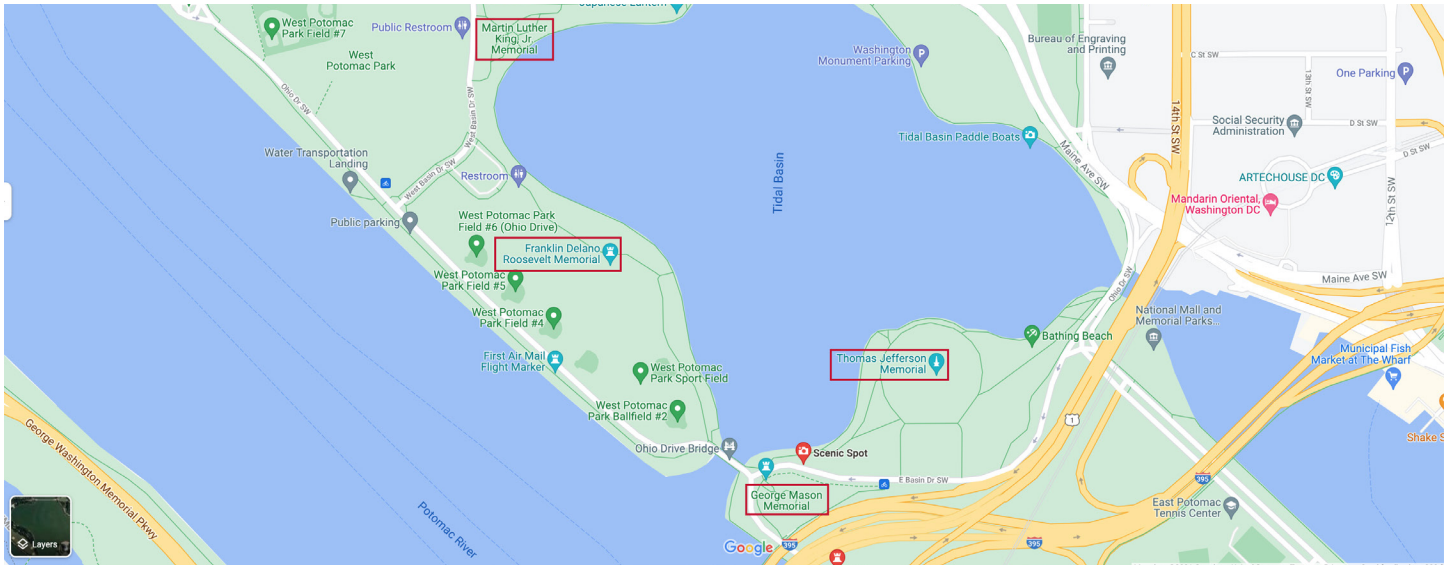
- The George Mason Memorial
- The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial



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There is a statue of Thomas Jefferson inside the Jefferson Memorial. This statue is 19 feet tall.

The statue of Thomas Jefferson faces north towards the Washington Monument and the White House.

Vocabulary for the Reading and Writing Parts of the Naturalization Test

The table below contains the underlined words from the information you just read about Thomas Jefferson and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. They are some of the vocabulary words for the Reading and Writing parts of the Naturalization Test.

Vocabulary for the Reading Test	Vocabulary for Both the Reading and Writing Test	Vocabulary for the Writing Test
Country Many Name	George Washington/Washington Independence Day North One President Right State/states United States White House	American Indians Free July Washington D.C./Washington

To see a full list of the 100 questions on the Naturalization Civics Test, and a full list of the vocabulary on the Reading and Writing Test, please visit the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center: www.uscis.gov/citizenship.