

The Liberty Bell

The Liberty Bell is a true symbol of American independence.

The famous bell was rung in 1776 to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Cracked in 1835, today the bell hangs in the Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia.

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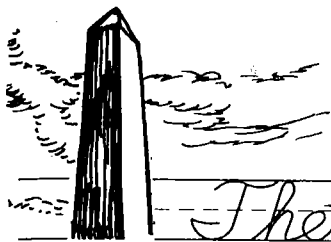


The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance is a solemn oath of loyalty to the United States. The original pledge was first recited by school children in 1892.

In 1954, the words "under God" were added to the pledge, the salute to the American flag.

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The Washington Monument

The Washington Monument was built in honor of George Washington. It stands by the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. Covered with white marble, it rises 556 feet in the air.

Visitors to the monument must ride an elevator to get to the top.

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Capitol Hill

Capitol Hill is perhaps the best known area in Washington, D.C.

Several important government buildings are on Capitol Hill,

which rises 88 feet in the center of the city. Some buildings are:

U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress and Supreme Court Building.

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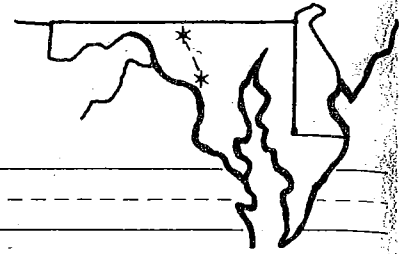
The Pony Express

The Pony Express was an amazing mail delivery service that carried mail across the 1,966 miles between Missouri and California.

Established in 1860, the Pony Express consisted of 400 fast horses, 80 riders and 190 stations.

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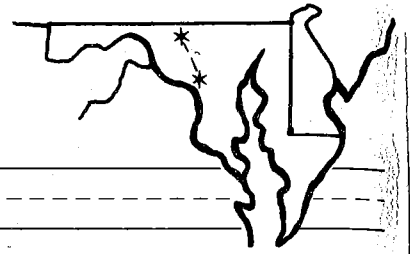
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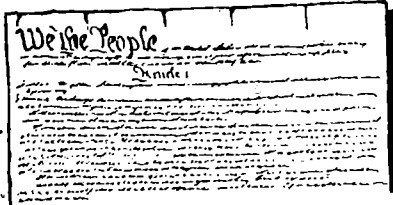


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The Constitution

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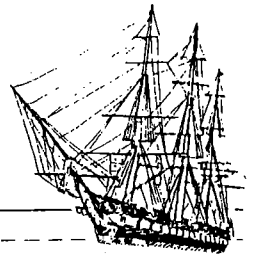
The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

It explains the aims of our government and lists the rights of each American citizen.

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Old Ironsides

The "Constitution" better known as "Old Ironsides," is the oldest warship afloat in the world.

"Old Ironsides" was launched in 1791 and fought in the War of 1812. Now docked at the navy yard in Boston, the ship underwent reconstruction in the 1800's.

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