

Mount Rushmore

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Mountains rise high above the land across America. One of the most famous of these mountains is called Mount Rushmore. It is a national memorial. This means it is set aside to help people remember parts of American history. It is special because it holds



four important carvings. These carvings are the faces of four American presidents.

The four faces of Mount Rushmore are George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Thomas Jefferson. They represent a corner of American history.

George Washington was the first president. He fought for independence.

Thomas Jefferson was the second president. He was the second president.

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president. He freed the slaves, and he stood for the Union.

Theodore Roosevelt was the twenty-sixth president. He founded the National Park Service, and he helped build the Panama Canal. He stood for preserving nature, growing the country, and working with other countries to make the world better.

Mount Rushmore was finished in 1941, but people came to see it for years before that. In fact, visitors came to witness this historic mountain from the moment the

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carvers began their work.

The project started in 1927. Calvin Coolidge was the president. A man named Doane Robinson had the idea to create a memorial that would bring tourists to the state of South Dakota. That area had been popular in the late 1800's because of gold that was found in the Black Hills. Those hills were where the memorial would be located.

The carvers chose a specific mountain for the memorial—Mount Rushmore. It was named Rushmore after a man from New York. This man was a lawyer who had done a lot of work there for his mountain. It was

The workers got granite. They used dynamite. The workers would sell pieces and shaping the rock.

The project took nothing. This was because working. At times, but ran out of money and

At last, the project

stands nearly sixty feet high. It did its job by bringing many visitors to the state of South Dakota.

Today, many people come still. Over three million guests come each year. The area is surrounded by nature preserves, monuments, and national parks. Visitors can hike nature trails, do a junior ranger program, take guided tours, and explore the caves. It allows them to experience the beauty of the area. At the same time, it teaches them about history. It is one of many important national memorials in the country.

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2) Why was Mount Rushmore named so?

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4) Read the last paragraph
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5) Write a reason/idea
on Mount Rushmore

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Mount Rushmore

1) Why is Mount Rushmore special?

It is special because it has the carvings of the faces of four great American presidents.

2) Why was Mount Rushmore named so?

It was named Rushmore after a man from New York. This man was a lawyer who had done a lot of work there for the gold mines.

3) What two problems were there at Mount Rushmore?

One was bad weather and the other was that the wood was rotting.

What two problems were there at Mount Rushmore?

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4) Read the last paragraph of the text about Mount Rushmore.

Visitors can hike to the top of the mountain, take guided tours, and experience the carvings up close.

What can visitors do at Mount Rushmore?

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5) Write a reason/quote for each of the presidents on Mount Rushmore.

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President	Reason/Quote
George Washington	He was the first president and he stood for freedom.
Thomas Jefferson	He was one of the founders of the country and he stood for a government led by the people.
Abraham Lincoln	He freed the slaves, and he stood for all men being equal.
Theodore Roosevelt	He stood for preserving nature, growing the country, and working with other countries to make the world better.

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