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Famous Landmarks



YELLOWSTONE PARK
Yellowstone National Park is actually a dormant volcano under the surface of the Earth. Lots of different animals live there, including elk, bobcats, wolves and bears.

MOUNT RUSHMORE MONUMENT
Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a sculpture carved from the rocks of Mount Rushmore. It was completed in 1941. It shows the faces of four US presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln

NIAGARA FALLS
Niagara Falls is actually three separate waterfalls. The largest of the three is called Horseshoe Falls. It lies across the border between the USA and Canada. It is the most powerful fall in North America. Over 168,000 m³ of water flow over it every minute.

GRAND CANYON
The Grand Canyon is 1 mile deep and is visited by 5.5 million people every year. It is 277 miles long and 18 miles wide at its widest point. You can reach the bottom by hiking, helicopter or mule rides.

GATEWAY ARCH
The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is the United States's tallest national monument. It is a phenomenal 630 feet tall. It was completed in 1965 and celebrates early pioneers heading out west.

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
The Empire State Building is one of the most iconic skyscrapers in New York City. It is 102 stories high and measures 443.2m tall. It opened on May 1st, 1931. Until 1970, it was the world's tallest building. In the 1700s, the land where it stands was used as a farm.

1. Which monument stands 630 feet tall?
2. Yellowstone Park sits on the border of three states. What are they called?
3. Which is the most powerful waterfall in North America?
4. True or False: Mount Rushmore National Monument displays all of the Presidents of the United States?
5. When did the Empire State Building stop being the tallest building in the world?