

# Going Sightseeing

In the box, draw a picture of a sight from this book that you have visited or would like to visit. On the lines below, explain why someone should visit this place.

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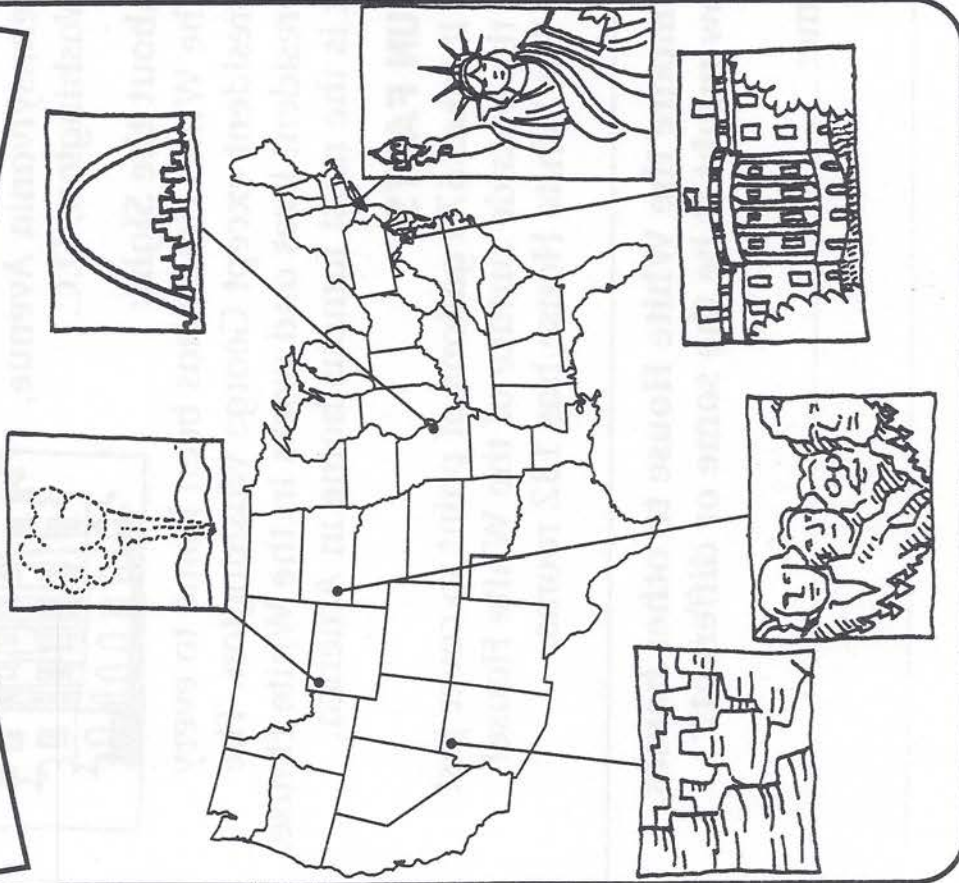
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# My Book About Spectacular Sights in America



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## SPECTACULAR SIGHT #1:

# The White House



**Location:** 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.

### About the Sight:

The White House has been home to every president except George Washington. The president lives and works in the White House. It is the most famous home in America.

### FUN FACTS:

- It takes 570 gallons of paint to cover just the outside surface of the White House!
- The White House has 132 rooms.

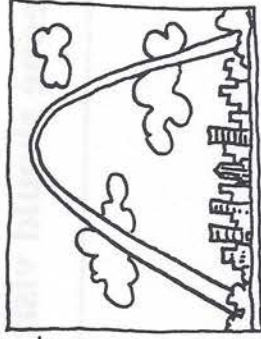
Compare the White House to other homes.  
How might it be the same or different?

Same: \_\_\_\_\_

Different: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECTACULAR SIGHT #6:

# The Gateway Arch



**Location:** St. Louis, Missouri

### About the Sight:

The Gateway Arch is our country's tallest monument. The 630-foot arch was built in honor of the western pioneers, including those who left St. Louis to settle in the West. Construction began in 1963 and was completed in 1965.

### FUN FACTS:

- Each year, more than one million visitors ride in a tram that takes them inside the arch's leg and up to the top.
- The stainless steel arch was designed to withstand earthquakes and strong winds.

Why do you think St. Louis is called the Gateway City?

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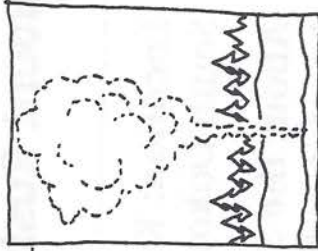
# Yellowstone National Park

**Location:** Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana

**About the Sight:**

Yellowstone National Park is the world's first national park.

It is also the largest national park in the United States. Established in 1872, the park is home to grizzly bears, wolves, and herds of bison and elk. Its most famous feature is Old Faithful, one of the park's ten thousand geysers. A geyser is a hot spring that sends steam and hot water shooting into the air.



**FUN FACTS:**

- Yellowstone is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined!
- An active volcano is located in Yellowstone.

Explain what could happen if places like Yellowstone were not protected by our national park system.

## SPECTACULAR SIGHT #2:

# The Statue of Liberty

**Location:** New York Harbor, New York

**About the Sight:**

The Statue of Liberty was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States. It was given in 1886. Also known as Lady Liberty, the statue was one of the first things immigrants saw as they sailed into New York Harbor. The Statue of Liberty is one of the best-known symbols of freedom and democracy.



**FUN FACT:**

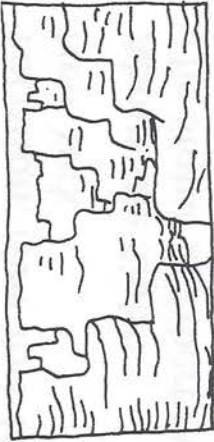
- Lady Liberty's index finger is 8 feet long!

Why do you think countries give each other gifts?



## SPECTACULAR SIGHT #3:

# The Grand Canyon



**Location:** Grand Canyon, Arizona

**About the Sight:**

The Grand Canyon is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Approximately five million people visit every year to see the colorful layers of rock that are up to nearly two billion years old! The rock layers and fossils tell us how the earth and living creatures changed over millions of years.

**FUN FACT:**

The Grand Canyon is 277 miles long, an average of 10 miles wide, and slightly more than a mile deep.

People explore the Grand Canyon by foot, train, bus, helicopter, horseback, and boat. How would you like to explore this national park? Why?

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## SPECTACULAR SIGHT #4:

# Mount Rushmore



**Location:** Keystone, South Dakota

**About the Sight:**

Located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Mount Rushmore is one of America's most popular landmarks. It features the faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln carved into a mountainside. Between 1927 and 1941, hundreds of workers used jackhammers and dynamite to sculpt the faces of these great presidents out of solid granite. More than two and a half million people visit Mount Rushmore each year.

**FUN FACT:**

Each face is 60 feet tall—the same height as a five-story building!

If you could build a monument honoring someone, whom would you choose? Why?

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