

1. What do you already know about the Washington Monument? List a few....

2. View the Video - [90 Second History of the Washington Monument](#)

3. Read the information below;



» They wanted to construct the largest monument in the world with dimensions and magnificence that would be proportionate to the greatness of George Washington and also the gratitude that the people of United States felt towards him.

» The design competition that was held in 1836 was won by Robert Mills, who was an architect. As per his designs, the monument would radiate simplicity and grandeur together just like George Washington. The design was a simple obelisk that was to be built as the centerpiece of the National Mall surrounded by flagpoles, with each flag representing a flag of the state.

» After 152 feet of the monument was built, the society ran out of funds and the construction ceased. Construction was stopped for over 20 years, with the Civil War also contributing its share to the delay. The point at which the construction was stopped in 1858 can be identified by the stones used above 152 feet. It has a darker tone of color when compared to the original ones.

» Interest in the Washington Monument was renewed during 1876, the first centennial of the United States. Ulysses S. Grant signed a bill approving government funding to complete the construction. The Army Corps of Engineers took over the project and completed the construction in December 1884.

» While the monument is hollow on the inside, the inner walls are set with 189 memorial stones that are carved and presented by individuals, cities, states, societies, high dignitaries, and other countries. There are 3 floors in the memorial with messages, Bible verses and prayers shared on the 12th, 20th and 24th floor.

4. Rank this monument on a scale of 1 to 10 - 10 being *Super Cool* and 1 being **Sort of a Dud**. Explain your reasoning.