

Lincoln Memorial

The Lincoln Memorial was built to honor the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. The monument is constructed of marble and has 36 columns that represent each state at the time of his death. The memorial is 190 feet long, 119 feet wide, and almost 100 feet tall. As you enter the memorial, there is a quote etched into the wall: “In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever.” The memorial opened in 1922 and is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Interesting Facts

- Statue of President Lincoln sits 19 feet tall and weighs 175 tons
- Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address is etched to the left of the statue
- Lincoln’s entire Second Inaugural Address is etched to the right of the statue
- Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech from the steps.

I have always enjoyed learning about President Lincoln and respect what he has done for our country. During my 8th grade trip to DC, I was in awe of the Lincoln Memorial. I wanted to learn more about what each element of the memorial means. That is why I chose the Lincoln Memorial.