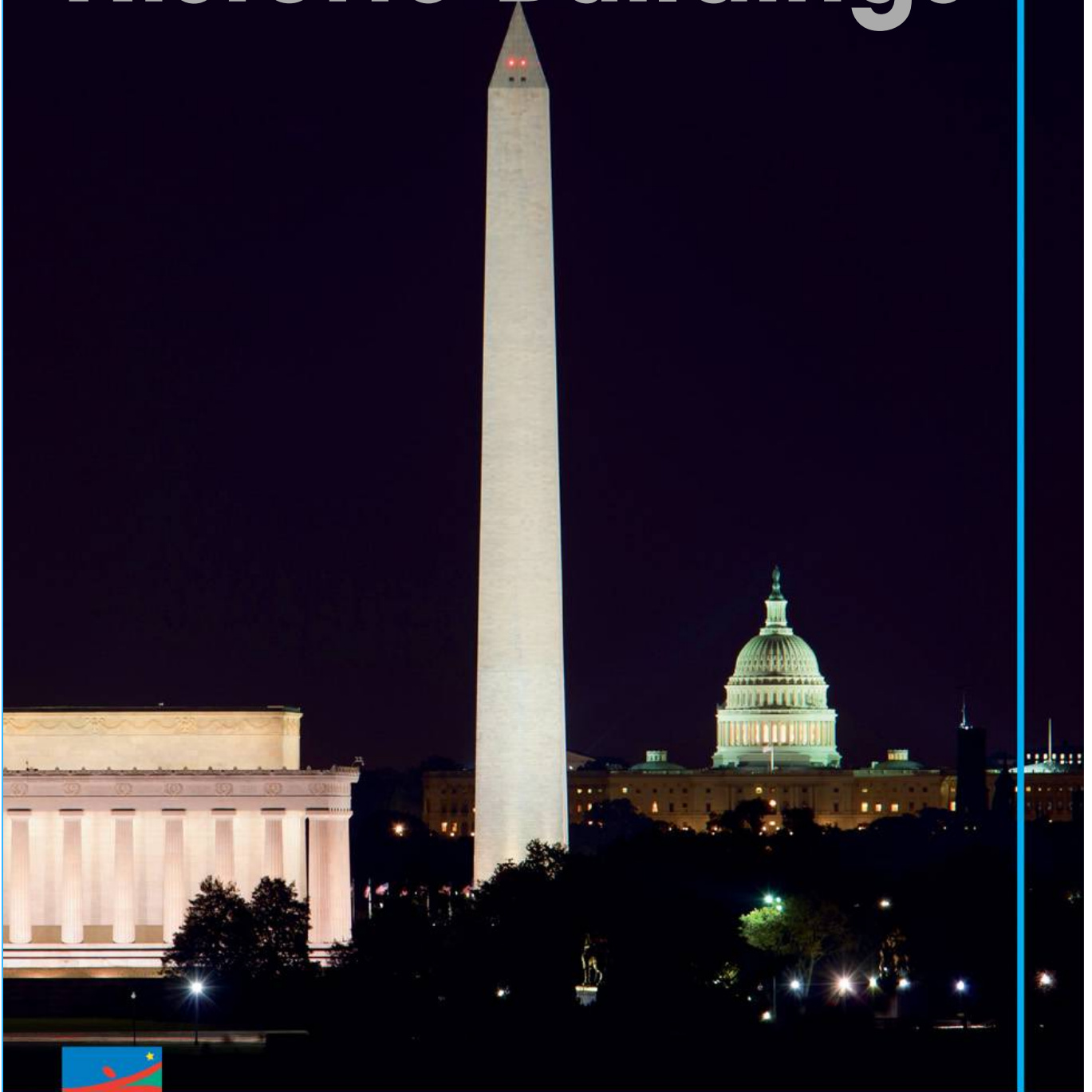


HISTORY

Memorials and Historic Buildings



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Social Studies
Content Objectives

- Identify national memorials, monuments, and historic buildings, and recognize the people and events they honor and their significance in

U.S. history
Skills at a Glance

Comprehension

- Identify cause and effect and organization

Content Vocabulary

- Citizens, Congress, historic, memorial, Minutemen, president

Vocabulary Strategy

- Use descriptions to determine

Text Structure

- Description

Nonfiction Text Features

- Numbered diagrams
- Labels

Shared Writing buildings or memorials are in your community? What people or events do they honor and why were they built?

Content CONNECTIONS

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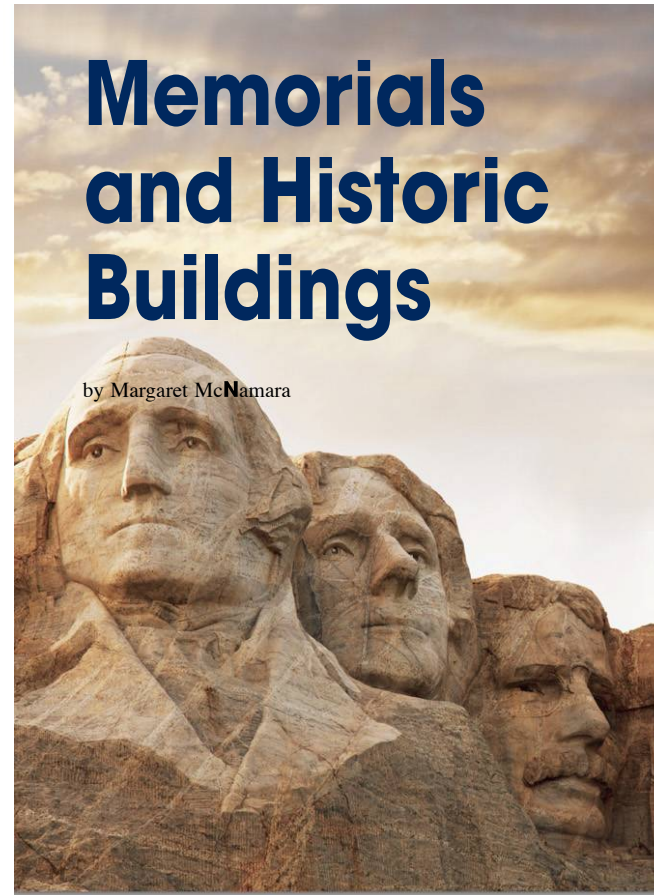
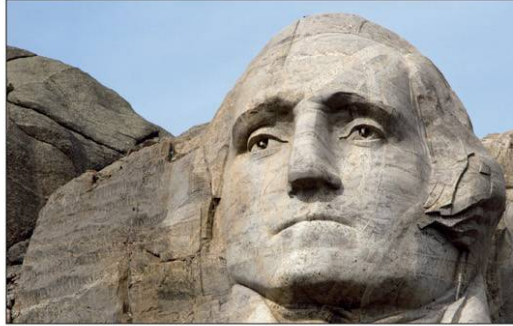


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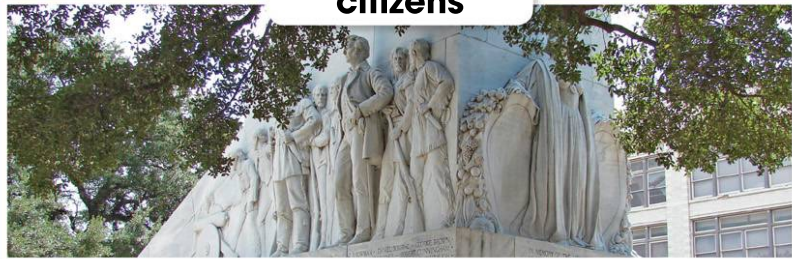
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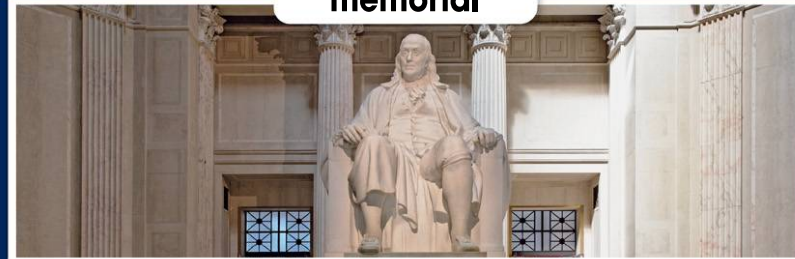
Words to Think About

citizens



Some buildings and statues honor great citizens.

memorial



This memorial honors Benjamin Franklin.

Congress



Congress has senators and representatives from each state.

Minutemen



Minutemen were soldiers in the American Revolution.

historic



The Betsy Ross house is a historic building.

president



Abraham Lincoln was an American president.

Introduction

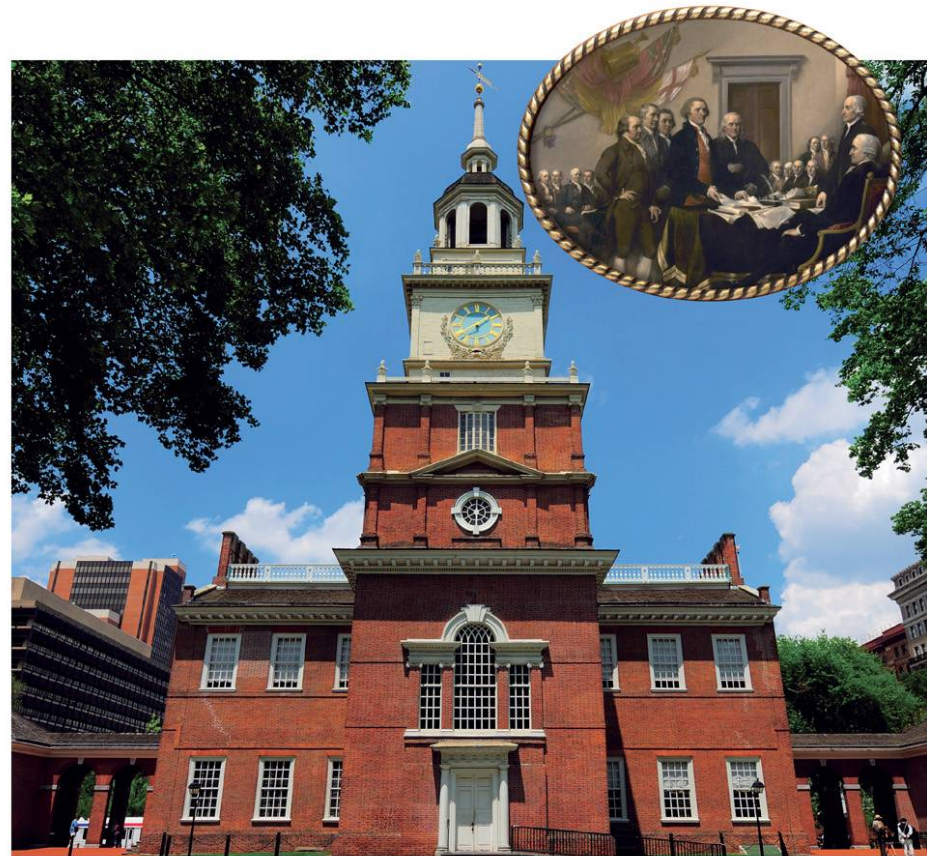
A **memorial** helps us remember the past. A memorial is a building or structure that honors important people and events.



▲ The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, is a memorial to pioneers who traveled west.

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A **historic** building is notable and important. A historic building helps us learn about our country's past.



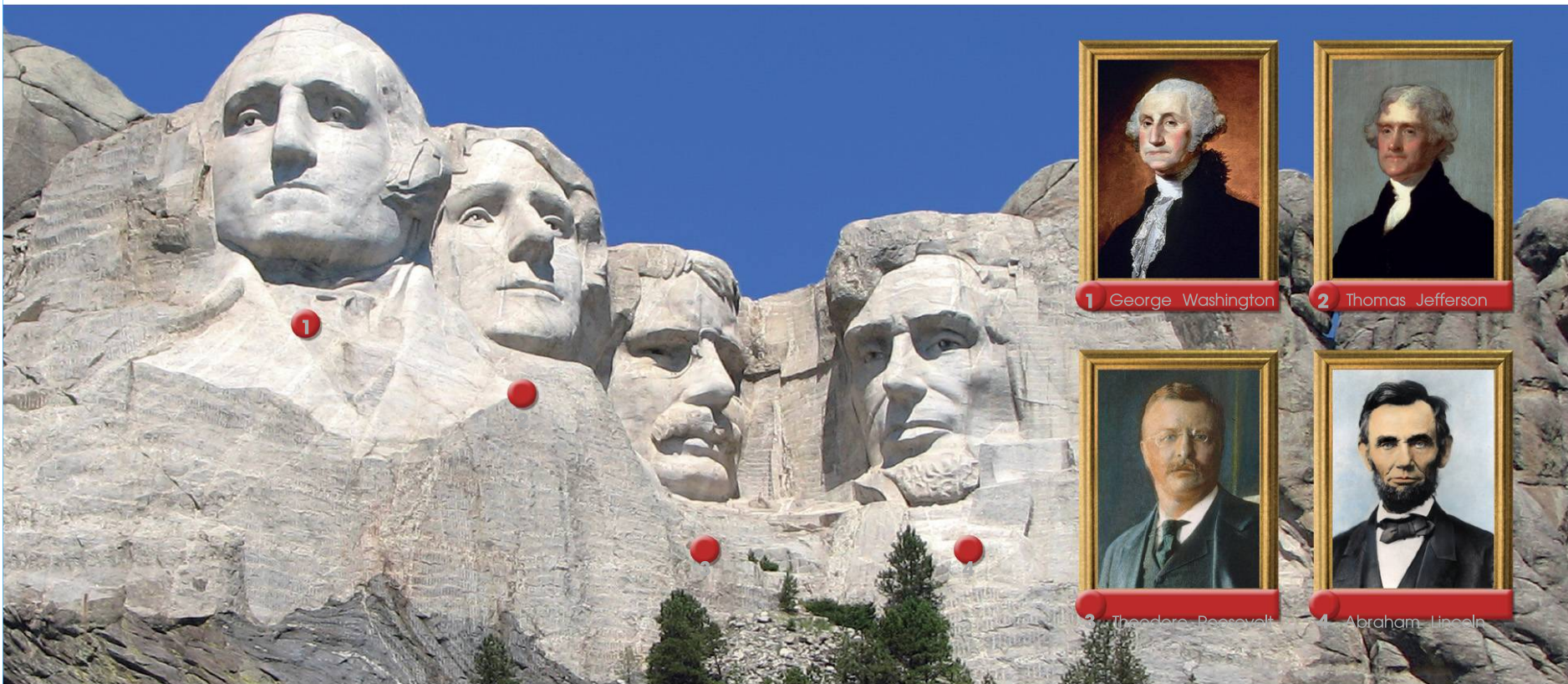
▲ Independence Hall is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Declaration of Independence was signed here about 250 years ago.

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Memorials to Presidents

Mount Rushmore is a memorial to honor four **presidents**, or leaders, of the United States.

Workers carved the faces of the presidents into the side of the mountain. Each face is about 18 meters, or 60 feet, long!



▲ Mount Rushmore is in South Dakota.

These presidents also have memorials in Washington, D.C. George Washington was the first president. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

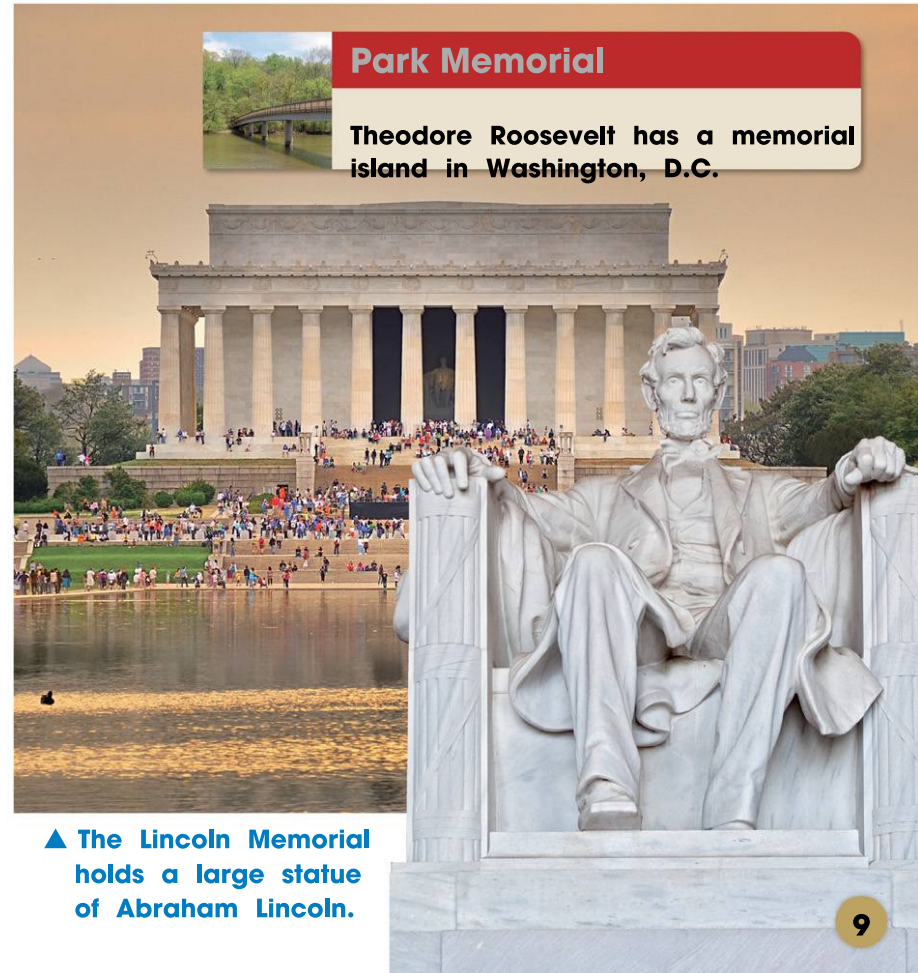
Abraham Lincoln freed many enslaved people and kept the country united. Theodore Roosevelt helped to preserve our nation's parks and forests.



▲ Washington Monument



▲ Jefferson Memorial



▲ The Lincoln Memorial holds a large statue of Abraham Lincoln.



Memorials to Brave Citizens

The **Minutemen** fought during the American Revolutionary War. These **citizens** were ready to fight the British in a minute. A statue honors these soldiers.



◀ The Minuteman Statue is in Lexington, Massachusetts.

LOOK AT TEXT STRUCTURE

Description

The sentence “These citizens were ready to fight the British in a minute” describes the Minutemen. What other sentence describes the Minutemen?

More than 150 years ago, brave men fought and died at the Alamo. The men fought for the independence, or freedom, of Texas. A statue honors these men.



▲ The Alamo Monument and the Alamo Mission are in San Antonio, Texas.

Historic Buildings

The United States Capitol is a historic building in Washington, D.C. The members of **Congress** work here. They make the laws, or rules, for our country.



▲ Congress has senators and representatives from each state. They work in the Capitol building.



Statue of Sacajawea

A statue of Sacajawea, the Native American guide and interpreter, stands in the Capitol building.

The White House is the home of the president of the United States. The president also works here. Both of these buildings are more than 200 years old.



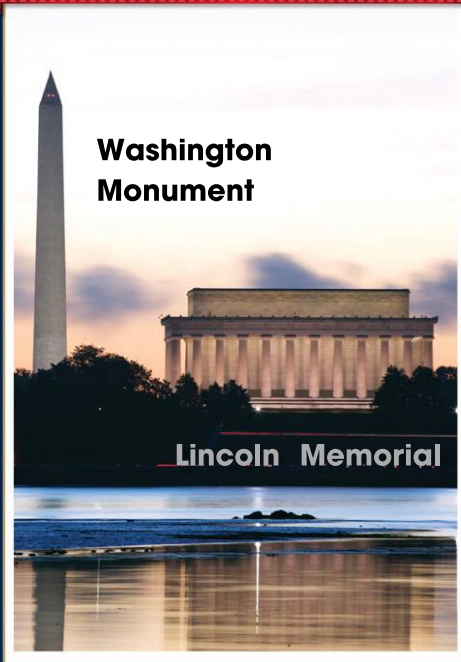
▲ The address of the White House is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Conclusion

Memorials honor special people from the past. Some memorials honor presidents. Other memorials honor brave citizens.

Historic buildings are old, important buildings. These buildings help us learn about our country's past.

Memorials to Presidents



Memorials to Brave Citizens



Historic Buildings



Glossary



citizens people who live and work in, and contribute to, a country
See page 10.



Congress the senators and representatives who make laws for our country
See page 12.



historic having great and lasting importance
See page 5.



memorial a building or structure honoring a person or event
See page 4.



Minutemen citizens who fought in the American Revolution
See page 10.



president leader of a country
See page 6.

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Pictures Are Primary Sources

This old painting shows how the United States Capitol looked about 200 years ago.



Make a Connection

Compare and contrast: Compare the old painting to the photograph of the Capitol on page 12. Explain how the Capitol is the same as it was in the past. How is it different?

Memorials and Historic Buildings

What can statues, memorials,
monuments, and historic buildings
tell us about our country's past?



Book to find out!

Theme:
History



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