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## Lincoln Memorial

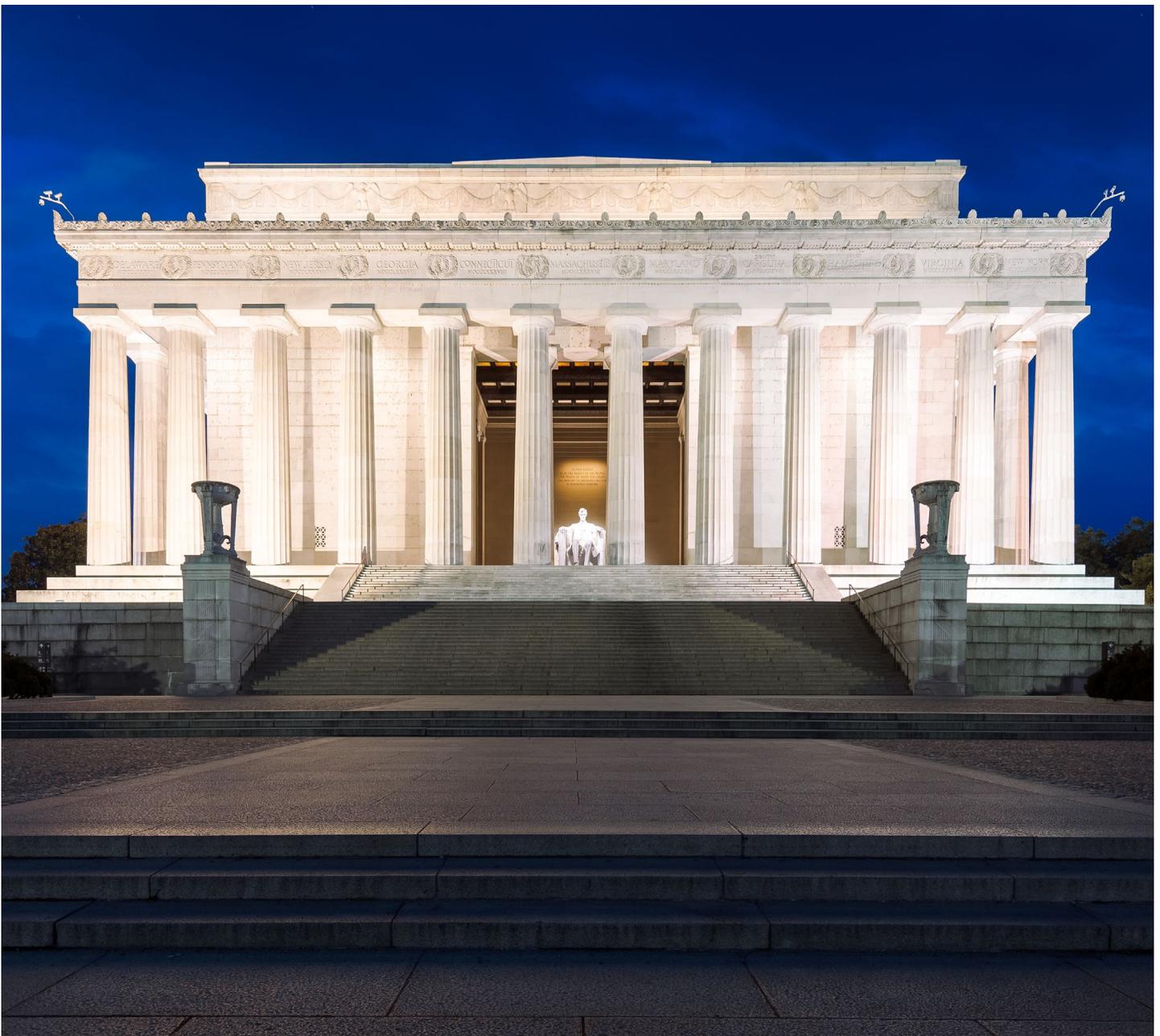
Welcome to the *Lincoln Memorial* in Washington, D.C.

Read the following information about the Lincoln Memorial.

The words that are in **bold** will help you answer questions from the Civics part of the Naturalization Test.

The words that are underlined are vocabulary words from the Reading and Writing parts of the Naturalization Test.

Civics Test Questions are highlighted for quick reference.





## Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War

The Lincoln Memorial is named after Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States. He served as president from 1861 – 1865.

Abraham Lincoln **led the United States during the Civil War**. He was the President of the United States during the Civil War.



*75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?*

**The U.S. war between the North and the South is called the Civil War.**

*73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.*

**The Civil War was one war fought by the United States in 1800s.** The U.S. fought in the Civil War from 1861 – 1865.

*72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.*

The North won the Civil War when the South surrendered in 1865. A few days after the South surrendered to the North, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

The word assassinated means that a person is murdered for political reasons.

## The Civil War and the End of Slavery in the United States

**One problem that led to the Civil War was slavery.**

*74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.*

The **people who were taken to America and sold as slaves were people from Africa.**

*60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?*

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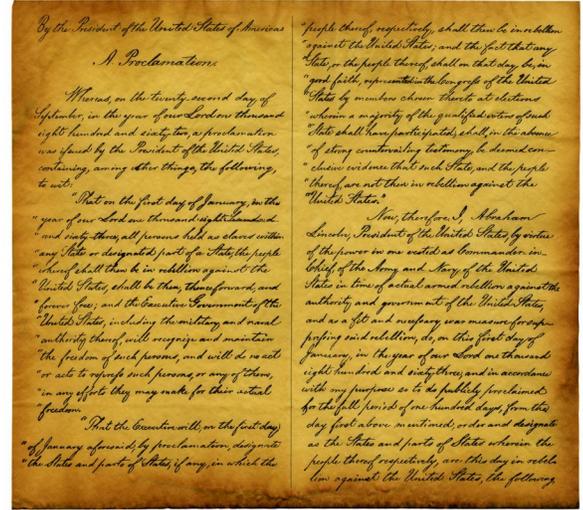
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When the what Civil War started, slavery was legal in the southern states. Slavery was not legal in most northern states.

Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

*Emancipation* is another word for “freedom.”  
*Proclamation* is another word for “announcement.”

**The Emancipation Proclamation** was an announcement that **freed the slaves in most Southern states**.



**76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?**

Most slaves were not actually freed until after Civil War was over.

After the Civil War was over, all of the slaves were freed by June 19, 1865. June 19th became celebrated as a holiday called Juneteenth.

Today, **Juneteenth is a national U.S. holiday**.

**100. Name two national U.S. holidays.**

Slavery was made illegal in the United States when the 13th Amendment was added to the Constitution on December 6, 1865. **An amendment is a change to the Constitution.**

**4. What is an amendment?**

## Lincoln Memorial and Historical Events

Many historical events during the civil rights movement happened at the Lincoln Memorial.

**The civil rights movement tried to end racial discrimination.**

**84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?**

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In 1963 Martin Luther King, Jr. gave a famous speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. It is called the “I Have a Dream” speech.

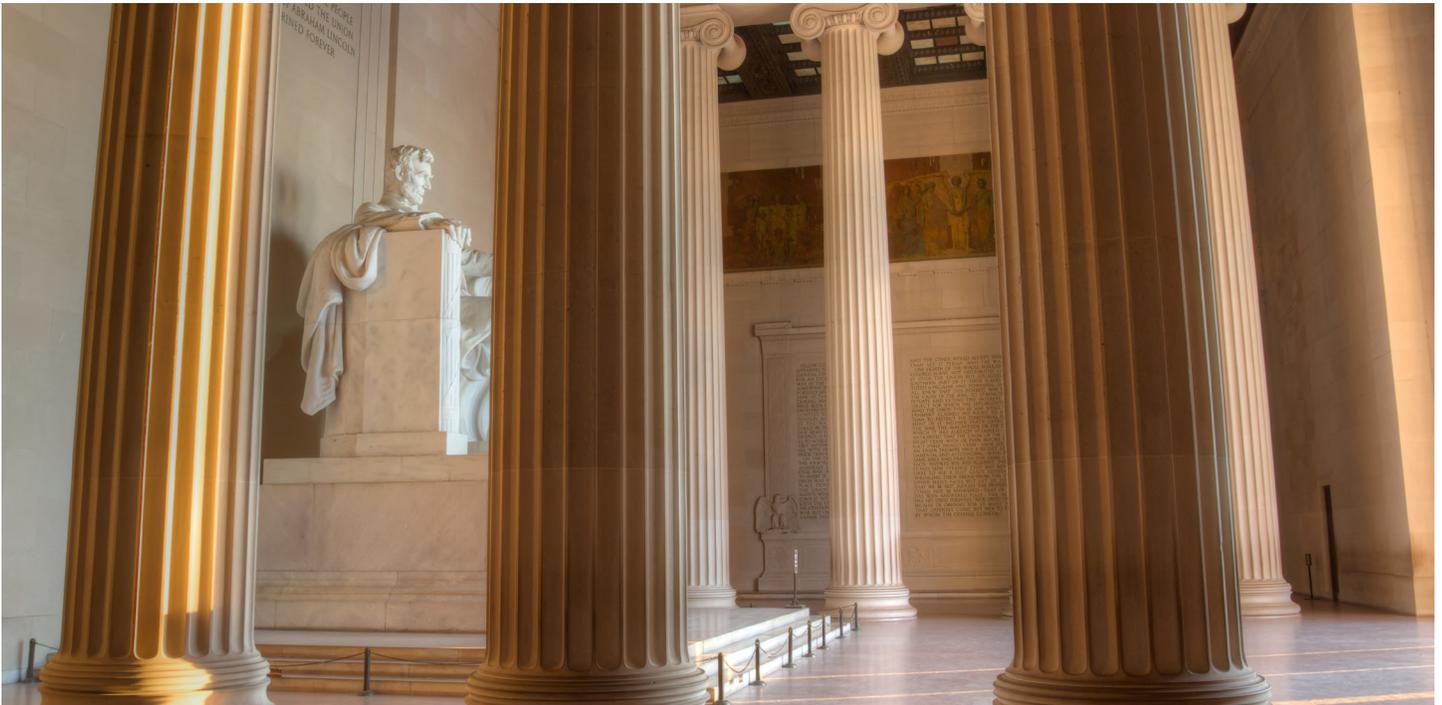
**Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for civil rights** and was a leader in the civil rights movement.



*85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?*

To honor Martin Luther King, Jr. we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day every year on the third Monday in January. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is another national U.S. holiday.**

*100. Name two national U.S. holidays.*



### **More Information about the Lincoln Memorial:**

Construction on the Lincoln Memorial began in 1914 and it was finished in 1922.

The statue of Abraham Lincoln faces east towards the Washington Monument and the Capitol Building.

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The Lincoln Memorial overlooks the reflecting pool which was added in 1923. That is one year after the Lincoln Memorial opened to the public.

The Lincoln Memorial overlooks several other monuments and memorials on the National Mall

- The World War II Memorial sits between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It opened in 2004. **World War II is one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.** We fought in World War II from 1941 – 1945.

*78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.*

- The Korean War Veterans Memorial is to the South (right), and it opened in 1995. The Korean War is another war fought by the United States in the 1900s. We fought in the Korean War from 1950 – 1953.
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is to the North (left) and it opened in 1982. The Vietnam War is a third war fought the United States in the 1900s. We fought in the Vietnam War from the 1950s – 1974.

There are 36 columns that go around the Lincoln Memorial. Each column represents one of the states from the North and the South that fought in the Civil War.



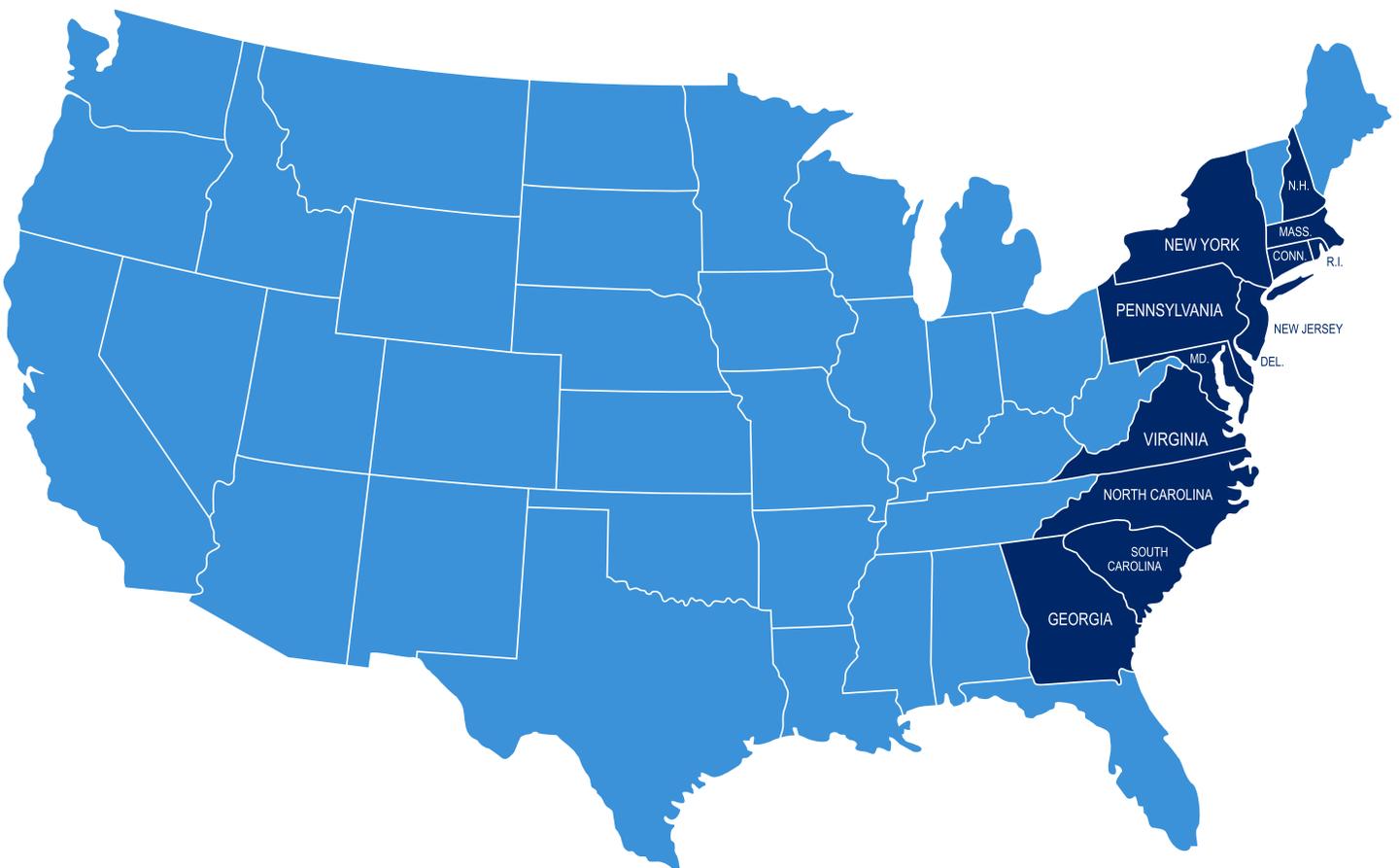
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The names of all 36 of the states from the North and the South that fought in the Civil War are engraved at the top of the Lincoln Memorial.

The states of **Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island** are engraved in the Lincoln Memorial just above the columns. These are the **13 original states**. 11 of these states are engraved in the front of the Lincoln Memorial, 2 are engraved on the side.



*64. There were 13 original states. Name three.*



### Vocabulary for the Naturalization Test

The table below contains the underlined words from the information you just read about Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Memorial. They are some of the vocabulary words for the Reading and Writing parts of the Naturalization Test.

<b>Vocabulary for the Reading Test</b>	<b>Vocabulary for Both the Reading and Writing Test</b>	
Many Name U.S.	Abraham Lincoln/Lincoln George Washington/ Washington Memorial Day Most North One People President Right South State/states United States	Civil War Delaware Fifty/50 Free Washington, D.C./ Washington

To see a full list of the 100 questions on the Naturalization Civics Test, and a full list of the vocabulary on the Reading and Writing Test, please visit the USCIS Citizenship Resource Center: [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship).