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The Mount Rushmore National Memorial is in South Dakota. It is a memorial to the nation's history. It was carved by the sculptor Gutzon Borglum, who was a son of Danish immigrants.

The Mount Rushmore National Memorial consists of sculptures of the heads of four U.S. presidents. Each head is about sixty feet tall. They are carved out of the granite of the mountain itself.

The four presidents were selected for the phases in American history they represent. From left to right, the first president is George Washington, a symbol of the fight for independence. Next is Thomas Jefferson, who represents government by the people. Theodore Roosevelt symbolizes the U.S. role in the world affairs in the 20th century. Abraham Lincoln represents equality and the permanent union of the nation.

Work on the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial began in 1927. Work ended in 1941 with the death of Gutzon Borglum. This famous national monument is visited by almost three million people every year.

1. Where is Mount Rushmore? _____

2. Who are the four presidents on the mountain? _____

3. How many tourists go to see the mountain every year? _____

George Washington	Thomas Jefferson	Theodore Roosevelt	Abraham Lincoln
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