

## FAMOUS AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, HISTORY & WASHINGTON, D.C.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON

General G.W. became **the first president of the United States** in 1789, in the 18th century.

General George Washington led [led] (=vedl) the British army during the conflict/ protest

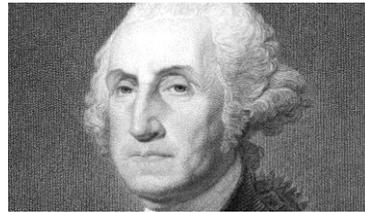
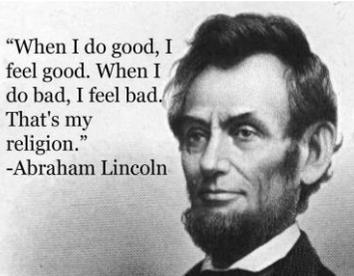
in Boston. The **British parliament rose tax on tea from America, as a political protest** Native Americans destroyed the whole shipment of **tea by throwing it into the sea in 1773**. The crisis escalated and started the American Revolutionary War in 1775. The conflict was called **The Boston Tea Party**

**The Washington Monument** was built to honor [anr] the country's first president, George Washington. This **170 m tall obelisk is the world's tallest stone structure**. The monument is constructed from 36,000 blocks of stones (marble and granite). It is visible from almost all over the city and has become one of America's symbols. **The Washington National Cathedral** in Washington D.C. took 83 years to finish. It is **the sixth largest cathedrale** in the world.

### THOMAS JEFFERSON

One of the main authors [óSrs] of the **Declaration of Independence**. Thomas Jefferson became the 3rd president of the USA. **The Americans gained its independence from Britain on 4 July, 1776**. It is now celebrated as Independence Day / the Fourth of July. **Thomas Jefferson was one of the main authors of the Declaration of Independence**

"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion."  
-Abraham Lincoln



**The Jefferson Memorial** in Washington, D.C. is dedicated to the third president, Thomas Jefferson. The place became a popular bathing area.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Was elected the 16th president of the USA in 1860. He became **the first Republican president**. He **took part in the American Civil War**.

**The American Civil War** was fought from 1861 to 1865. It was **the war of the South and the North**. Northern victory in the war preserved the United States as one nation and **ended the institution of slavery**. [slejvry] (=otroctví) 625,000 people died during the war.

**Lincoln Memorial** honors [anrs] Abraham Lincoln who abolished slavery and was assassinated [esesinejtyd] (=zavražděn) while watching a play.



### BARACK OBAMA

Has been the 44th president of the USA. He was elected as **the first Afro-American president** in 2009. Barack Obama is the **current** [karent] (=současný) **president of the USA**.

His father comes from Kenya, his mother was American. Barack Obama was born in Hawaii. In 1992 Obama married his wife Michelle, she has become a fashion icon [ajkn] in America, just like Jacquellin Kenedy, (the 35th US) president J.F. Kenedy's wife or Princes Diana in the UK. They have two daughters, Malia and Natasha.



**DONALD TRUMP** is the **current** [karent] (=současný) **president of the USA**. He is famous for his business skills and hated for his sexist behaviour. His first wife was a Czech model, Ivana Trump. Donald Trump is a very rich person, his fortune is worth of over 3 billion US dollars.



**Washington, D.C.** is one of America's most visited cities. It is **the seat** [sít] (=sídlo) **of the federal government** [gavrmnt] (=vláda), **the Court** [kórt] (=soud) **and the President of the United States**. there are memorials to important presidents and events in American history, superb museums and many other things to see. Most of the **sites are located on** the National Mall, area simply called **the Mall**.

**The White House** is **the symbol of the American presidency and the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States**. It was built between 1792 and 1800 and **was not always white**. After the British burned the building in the War of 1812, it was restored and painted its present color.

**The Capitol** is the political center of the US government, where the Senate and House of Representatives meet to make the country's laws.

