**The Grand Canyon**

* Located in Arizona
* Created by the Colorado River
* 277 miles long, up to 18 miles wide, and over a mile deep in some places
* Managed by Grand Canyon National Park, the Hualapai Tribal Nation, and the Havasupai Tribe
* First inhabited by the Ancestral Pueboloans
* President Theodore Roosevelt enjoyed visiting the area and helped to preserve it. Then President Woodrow Wilson signed the law establishing Grand Canyon National Park in 1919.

**The Washington Monument**

* Located in Washington, D.C., on the National Mall
* Shaped as an obelisk, a type of monument first built in Ancient Egypt
* Honors the country’s first president, George Washington
* Made of marble, granite, and bluestone gneiss
* 555 feet, 5 1/8 inches tall
* The world’s tallest stone structure and the world’s tallest obelisk

**The Statue of Liberty**

* Located in New York Harbor in New York City
* Stands over 151 feet tall, from the base of the statue to the tip of the torch (and over 305 feet when including the pedestal)
* Was a gift from the people of France in 1886
* Designed by a French sculptor, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi
* Represents freedom to welcome immigrants to our country
* Statue shows a Roman goddess, Libertas, who holds a torch and a tablet
* The date of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, is written on the tablet

**The USS Arizona**

* Was a battleship in the United States Navy stationed in Hawaii during World War II
* During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the ship was bombed.
* The ship exploded and sank, and 1,177 officers and crewmen were killed.
* The ship could not be repaired or recovered, so it remains at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.
* The USS Arizona Memorial is part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

**The Declaration of Independence**

* A written statement created by the Continental Congress during the Revolutionary War
* Formally stated that the thirteen American colonies were independent and separate from Great Britain
* Explained why Congress voted for independence from Great Britain
* Drafted by Thomas Jefferson
* Adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776
* We continue to celebrate Independence Day in America on July 4.

**Mount Rushmore National Memorial**

* 60-foot sculpture carved into Mount Rushmore, which is located in the Black Hills near Keystone, South Dakota
* The Lakota Sioux name for Mount Rushmore is Six Grandfathers.
* Carved into granite by Gutzon Borglum, whose son finished the project after his father’s death in 1941
* Shows four important United States presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln
* Memorial covers 1,280 acres

**The National September 11 Memorial & Museum**

* Commemorate the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001
* Located in the location of the former World Trade Center buildings, which were destroyed in the attacks
* 2,977 people were killed in the September 11th attacks, and 6 were killed in a previous attack on the World Trade Center in 1993.
* The Memorial includes the Survivor Tree—a Callery pear tree that was found still standing after the attack. After its discovery, the tree was removed to recover and was returned to the Memorial in 2010, where it continues to grow as a symbol of our country’s strength.

**The Liberty Bell**

* Is displayed in Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
* Inscribed with “Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof” (from Leviticus 25:10)
* Symbolizes American independence
* Was commissioned in 1752 for the bell tower in the Pennsylvania State House (what we today call Independence Hall)
* Cracked beyond repair in 1846, and the large crack seen today was caused by the attempt to repair it