**Capitol Monuments**

* 1. George Washington Statue
     1. Carved by pioneer Charles Ostner over four winters in the Crouch/Garden Valley gold mining camps, gifted to Territorial Legislature and displayed outdoors downtown and at the Capitol before restoration in 1966 when it was moved indoors
     2. Producer: Logan Finney
  2. Nike Statue
     1. One many items delivered from the "Merci Train" to Idaho. One train car full of gifts was given to each state as a thank-you from France after victory in World War II. Idaho State Historical Society still has the boxcar, but the items were handed out to residents.
     2. Producer: Bill Manny
  3. Replica Liberty Bell
     1. Commissioned by the U.S. Treasury Department in 1950 as promotional tools for a savings bond drive and given to the states. Idaho's is apparently one of the few that is directly accessible to the public where they can touch (and ring!) it themselves.
     2. Producer: Bill Manny

1. **Oldest Places in Idaho**
   1. Pierce (Clearwater County)
      1. Gold was first discovered in Idaho here in the early 1860s and this historic seat of old Shoshone County was once believed to be the oldest town in the state
      2. ISHS runs Historic Courthouse, first courthouse built in Idaho, museum and visitor center
      3. Producer: Logan Finney
   2. Franklin (Franklin County)
      1. Mormon pioneers settling through the Cache Valley north of Salt Lake/Logan believed they were still in Utah until an 1872 border survey revealed this town is actually the oldest settlement in Idaho
      2. ISHS runs Historic Townsite, artifact hall and visitor center
      3. Producer: Logan Finney
2. **Historical Items**
   1. Chief Twisted Hair Saddle (Clearwater County)
      1. Passed down through the Twisted Hair family and gifted to the museum, oral history is that the saddle originally belonged to Sacajawea's brother Cameahwait who gave it to Lewis and Clark, who then gifted it to Twisted Hair as a thank you for tending their horses while they continued to the Pacific
   2. Jefferson Peace Medal (Idaho State Historical Society)
      1. Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery gifts to Native American tribes, on display in a conference room at the capitol
   3. Territorial/Statehood Documents (Idaho State Historical Society)
      1. Various archival items
   4. American Flags (Idaho State Historical Society)
      1. 43-star flag to commemorate statehood
      2. homemade flag made from a sheet, some red curtains and blue calico apron as a background for the stars in 1903 by Mr. and Mrs. George Smith who worked through the night of the 3rd of July to have a flag ready to raise at sunrise in the little town of Thunder Mountain
   5. Philo Farnsworth Television Tube (Jefferson County)
      1. Farnsworth TV and Pioneer Museum
3. **Significant Visits**
   1. Trees on Capitol Grounds – Wood carvings by Max Black
      1. Benjamin Harrison
      2. William Taft
      3. Teddy Roosevelt
   2. Teddy Roosevelt (University of Idaho, Sandpoint)
   3. FDR & Eleanor Roosevelt (University of Idaho)
   4. Warren Harding (Voyage of Understanding, Idaho Falls)
   5. William Jennings Bryan (Twin Falls County)
      1. Handwritten poem at museum in Filer
   6. Modern Presidents and Campaigns
      1. JFK (1960, Pocatello)
      2. Lyndon B. Johnson (1966, Idaho National Lab)
      3. Jimmy Carter (1978, Middle Fork Salmon River)
      4. GEORGE BUSH
      5. RON PAUL
      6. Barack Obama (2015, Boise)
      7. Bernie Sanders (2016, Idaho Falls, Boise)
      8. MARCO RUBIO
      9. Ted Cruz (2016, Coeur d'Alene)
      10. Joe Biden (2021, NIFC)
      11. Bernie Sanders (2025, Nampa)