

## Be A Landmark Sleuth

Landmarks, both natural and those constructed by peoples past and present, are features, monuments, buildings, or other structures that are easily recognized. Often, landmarks are symbolic of a city or place, such as the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Landmarks also recall a particular historic era, such as Egypt's Pyramids of Giza. Many landmarks that are natural features, such as the Grand Canyon, are protected by being designated as national parks and/or World Heritage Sites.

In this activity you will be a "Landmark Sleuth" identifying major landmarks in the United States and around the world. Some you will know right away and others may take some detective work. Read the clues and identify the landmark. You may need to consult an encyclopedia, almanac, or online resource.

As you identify each landmark, research and provide at least one other fact about the landmark.

Remember some of the landmarks are natural features and others were built by people. Good Luck!

### U. S. Landmarks

1. This landmark stands on an island in New York Bay. It was a gift from France to the United States in 1885. Its torch signifies the ideal of freedom for all who come to America.
2. This landmark is a symbol of the westward expansion of the United States. It is located on the banks of the Mississippi River at the city near the outset of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Construction of the 630 foot stainless steel monument was completed in 1965.
3. This historic landmark is located in south Texas. It was a Spanish mission founded in 1718, but it became famous because of a battle fought in 1836. It later became a rallying cry for Texas independence.
4. This landmark spans the opening between the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. Constructed in the 1930's, it is well known for its size and bright "international orange" color.

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5. Most North Carolinians recognize this landmark because of its distinctive black and white spiral paint job. It is located on the easternmost cape of the Outer Banks and has been sending a visual warning to ships offshore.
6. These are not the highest falls in the United States, but they are popular with tourists. These falls lie on the Canada-U.S. border on a river that links Lake Erie with Lake Ontario.
7. This monument is one of many located on and around the National Mall. It is distinguished by two features: its 555 foot height and its obelisk shape.
8. It is no longer the tallest building in the world, but it remains the tallest in the United States. It is located in a Midwest city known for its skyscrapers, and it is named for a well-known retail store.
9. Seattle has two recognizable landmarks, one natural and the other built in 1962. The natural landmark is a famous peak in the Cascade Range. The structure was built for the 1962 World's Fair. It stands 605 feet high.
10. Both the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution were signed in this historic building located in one of the leading cities of Colonial America. Its bell tower was the original home of the Liberty Bell, which is now housed nearby.

### World Landmarks

1. Built from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, this structure protected China from invasions from the north. At over 3,000 miles long, it is one of the most famous landmarks in Asia.
2. This landmark of Japan has an elevation of 12,388 feet above sea level. Its snow-capped peak and almost symmetrical shape make it Japan's most famous symbol.
3. The Incan civilization constructed this city high in the Andes mountains during the 1400's in what is today Peru. At over 7,000 feet, this World

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Heritage Site is visited by many tourists each year. Stone walls and the ruins of buildings show expert building techniques.

4. A clock tower has chimed the hours in London since 1859. The name given to this tower is actually the name of the great bell within that weighs over 13 tons. The tower is a part of the Parliament Building in Westminster.
5. Agra, India is the site of this elaborate tomb built for the wife of Emperor Shah Jahan in the 1600's. The main domed building and four surrounding minarets are made of white marble.
6. If this tower in Italy had remained straight, it is doubtful that it would be famous. The fact that it has tilted since its construction in 1153, makes it one of the most photographed sites in Italy.
7. This World Heritage Site in Cambodia was first a Hindu temple and later a Buddhist temple. It was constructed during the 1100's. It contains beautiful examples of Hindu art. Cambodia's flag depicts the main temple.
8. This dormant volcano is one of Africa's most recognized natural features. At 19,340 feet, it is also the highest point on the continent. Although close to the Equator, the mountain is snow-capped. Recently about 80% of the ice and snow has melted.
9. The harbor in Sydney, Australia is the site of two famous landmarks, both structures. One, nicknamed "the Coat Hanger", helps with the movement of cars and trucks across the harbor. The other building, known for its white roofs resembling sails, houses theater stages for the performing arts.
10. The Walls of the Kremlin in Moscow and the colorful domes of the Cathedral of St. Basil the Blessed are two landmarks located on this famous city square. The tomb of Vladimir Lenin is also located on the square. The name of the square has its roots in an old Russian word for *beautiful*.