

Before you watch**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is the capital of your country?
- 2 What do you know about its history?
- 3 Would you like to live there? Why? / Why not?

Comprehension check**2** Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 How many North American colonies did the British rule before the USA was created?
a three b eight c thirteen
- 2 What was George Washington doing during the War of Independence?
a He was the president.
b He was in the army.
c He was building the new capital city.
- 3 Where has Congress been meeting since 1800?
a in the Capitol Building b in the White House c in Philadelphia

3 Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 There is an American flag in the top left corner of the classroom. **true / false**
- 2 Washington, D.C. is located in the west of the USA. **true / false**
- 3 There is a fountain in the front garden of the White House. **true / false**
- 4 The Capitol building is brown. **true / false**
- 5 The Lincoln Memorial is in a large white building. **true / false**
- 6 The Washington Monument is by a lake. **true / false**

4 Watch again. Match the events (a–f) with the years (1–6).

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| 1 1776 | a People start to build the new capital city. |
| 2 1791 | b President Roosevelt officially calls the President's House the White House. |
| 3 1800 | c The USA is created. |
| 4 1860 | d President John Adams first moves into the President's House. |
| 5 1902 | e The Lincoln Memorial opens. |
| 6 1920 | f Abraham Lincoln is elected president. |

Round up**5 SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to visit Washington, D.C.? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Choose the correct prepositions.

- 1 I've always been very curious **about** / **of** / **in** artificial intelligence.
- 2 The government is responsible **for** / **with** / **in** making laws.
- 3 The teacher hadn't made us aware **with** / **about** / **of** the exam until the day before.
- 4 Everyone complained because they were unhappy **for** / **in** / **with** the decision that was made.
- 5 Our company has been successful **with** / **in** / **to** the IT business for the last ten years.

7 Complete the sentences with the words below.

colonies independence settlements slavery territory

- 1 Lithuania gained its _____ from the Soviet Union in 1991.
- 2 The two neighbouring countries fought a war over the disputed _____.
- 3 India, Australia and New Zealand were once British _____, but now they are all independent countries.
- 4 There had been a number of smaller _____ here before they built the city.
- 5 _____ has been illegal in Britain since 1833.

Extension

8 Work in groups. Find a photograph that shows an important moment in your country's recent history. Find out what happened. Include the following:

- when it was taken
- a description of the photo and the people in it
- what had happened before and what happened afterwards
- why the photo is important

9 Present your findings and the photo to the class. Use the key phrases for describing photos and expressing opinions.

Describing photos

It looks to me as if ...

They look like they're ...

They don't look very ...

Expressing opinions

It seems to me that ...

In my opinion / view, ...

For me, the important thing is ...