

Legacy of the Lincoln Memorial

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Not only is the Lincoln Memorial a recognizable sight on the backs of a U.S. penny and a \$5 bill, but you can find this iconic landmark pictured on many stamps from around the world.



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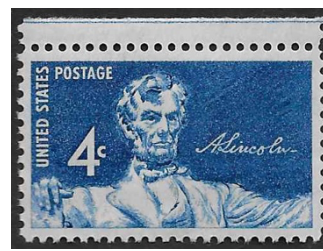
The design of the memorial is inspired by the Parthenon in Greece. A variety of stones were used from different states to symbolize the Union from the American Civil War. Daniel Chester French sculpted the 19-foot-tall statue of Abraham Lincoln out of marble. The construction took 8 years from 1914 - 1922.



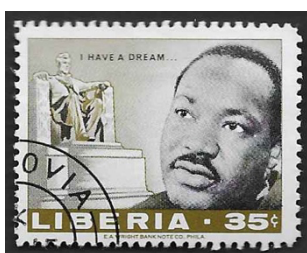
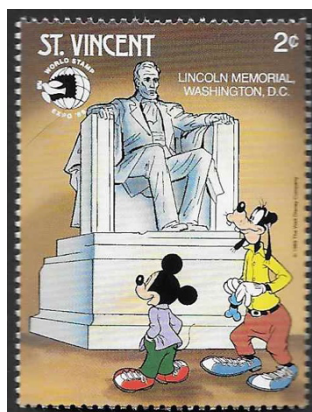
The Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in 1922 in front of a crowd of 50,000. The first stamp commemorating the Lincoln Memorial was issued in 1923.

Abraham Lincoln was a skilled public speaker. The Gettysburg Address and his Second Inaugural Address are carved into the inside walls of the memorial.

In 1959, several countries commemorated Lincoln's 150th birthday by issuing stamps depicting the memorial. These include Ghana, Honduras, Colombia, and the United States.



In addition, the Lincoln Memorial is the historic site of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered on August 28, 1963.



Spring in Washington, D.C. starts with the bloom of thousands of cherry blossom trees, a 1912 gift from Japan.