

THE USA

Objectives to be assessed:

- Understanding of the American Culture.
- Coherent and cohesive answers.
- Reading comprehension

REGIONS

Look at the map. Pick and grab the names of the regions.



New England

Mid-Atlantic

South-West

North-East

South-East

North-West

READING and VOCABULARY

a) You will read three facts about the USA. Complete the blank spaces with the ideas from the box.

b) Later, answer the questions.

The national **flag of the United States of America** is often simply called the **American flag**. It consists of thirteen horizontal red and white, with a blue rectangle which has fifty small, white stars. The 50 stars on the flag represent the [50 states of the United States of America](#) and the 13 stripes represent the [thirteen British](#) that declared independence (vyhlásily nezávislost) from the [Kingdom of Great Britain](#). Nicknames for the flag include the "Stars and Stripes" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" which is also the name of the [national anthem](#) (národní hymna). The flag is usually flown at most public buildings.

The White House is the official of the President of the United States of America, and is located in [Washington, D.C.](#), the capital city of the [USA](#) (D.C. stands for the District of Columbia named after Christopher Columbus - it is not a). The first US President to live in the White House was [John Adams](#) (the second President of the USA). However, the construction of the House had begun during the presidency of George Washington (the first US president- who had not lived there) During the War of 1812, the British set fire to the President's House in 1814. Nearly all of the interior was destroyed by the fire. There is a that says that the House was called the White House when it was rebuilt and when its fire-blackened surfaces were painted white (over the original grey)



The Statue of Liberty is a huge that is located on Liberty Island in [New York](#). This monument was a gift to the USA from the people of France. It represents a woman who is escaping the chains of (the broken chains lie at her feet). The statue holds a torch that is a symbol of liberty. Liberty was designed by the French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. The statue was built in France and was brought to the USA in pieces on a French ship. The statue was re-assembled in the USA .

The seven rays of Liberty's crown symbolize the seven seas and seven of the world. Liberty holds a tablet in her left hand that reads "July 4, 1776" (written in Roman numerals, MDCCLXXVI), which is [Independence Day](#) of the United States of America.

➤ Reading comprehension

1. Where is the official residence of the President of the United States located?

New York City Los Angeles Washington, D.C. Philadelphia

2. Who was the first president to live in the White House?

- a) Thomas Jefferson b) George Washington
- c) John Adams d) Abraham Lincoln

3. What significant event happened to the White House during the War of 1812?

4. What does the tablet held by the Statue of Liberty represent?