

11 Lessons to Learn

Reading

You are a fifteen-year-old student and your history teacher has asked you to choose a place of interest for a class trip. You have found these advertisements for various places of interest. Read the questions 1-8, and then look at the advertisements for the answers.

1

Library of Congress

- America's oldest cultural institution
- Largest library in the world

Public Tours for individuals and families:

Schedule: Monday-Saturday, 10.30 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm*

* no 3.30 pm tour on Saturdays; on public holidays the first tour is at 9.30 am

For group tours:

Book in advance for school groups of 12 to 60 people

Schedule: Monday-Friday, 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm

Closed to the public on Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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The White House

• Visit the home of the President of the United States!

Tour schedule: 7.30 am to 11.00 am Tuesday to Thursday; 7.30 am to 12 noon Fridays; 7.30 am to 1.00 pm Saturdays (except on public holidays).

Free of charge

Call the 24-hour line at 202-456-7041 for more information.

White House Visitor Center

- Open seven days a week from 7.30 am until 4.00 pm
- Interesting exhibitions
- 30-minute video

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National Museum of American History

- The greatest collection of American history.
- More than 3 million items on display, including President Abraham Lincoln's top hat!

Open daily 10.00 am to 5.30 pm

Open 10.00 am to 7.30 pm on November 26, 27 and December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Closed December 25

Free admission, no tickets required

For groups of 20 or more get a discount at the *Stars and Stripes Café*

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National Air & Space Museum

- See the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world
- Touch a rock sample from the moon!

Hours: 10.00 am-5.30 pm

Summer Schedule: March 29-September 5, 10.00 am-7.30 pm

Open every day except December 25

Admission: Free

No parking is available at the museum. There are pay car parks nearby.

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Washington Monument

The Washington Monument was built in honour of the first US president, General George Washington. It's the tallest stone structure in the world.

Open daily 9 am-5 pm.

Summer hours: 9 am-10 pm (May 31-September 6).

Closed July 4 and December 25

Free admission, but you must have a ticket.

Please note: Tickets run out quickly. To reserve tickets, go to <http://www.recreation.gov>, or call 1-877-444-6777 for individual tickets or 1-877-559-6777 for group reservations.

- 1 You want to go on a Sunday. Which places can you not visit?

- a 1 and 2 c 2 and 4
b 1 and 3 d 2 and 5

- 2 Where can your group get a discount?

- a 1 c 3
b 2 d 4

- 3 Which place can you get information about at any time?

- a 2 c 4
b 3 d 5

- 4 Where can you see something from outer space?

- a 2 c 4
b 3 d 5

- 5 Which places are open longer in the summer?

- a 1 and 3 c 4 and 3
b 2 and 4 d 4 and 5

- 6 Where can you see something that belonged to a president?

- a 2 c 4
b 3 d 5

- 7 Which place is closed to the public the most?

- a 1 c 3
b 2 d 4

- 8 Where can you have the earliest tour?

- a 1 c 3
b 2 d 4