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The Lincoln Memorial

The Lincoln Memorial is located on the National Mall. The Mall is in the heart of the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. The exterior of this beautiful monument is made of white Colorado marble. It has thirty-six columns. They surround a central block. They stand for the thirty-six states that made up the United States at the time of Lincoln's death. The name of each of these states and its date of admission to the Union are **inscribed** at the top of the Lincoln Memorial.

There is a huge white marble statue of Abraham Lincoln. It sits on an armchair inside the chamber. It is nineteen feet high. American sculptor Daniel Chester French carved it. The statue was dedicated in 1922.

The text of the Gettysburg Address is engraved on a stone tablet. It is in the south chamber of the Lincoln Memorial. Lincoln's second inaugural address is engraved in the north chamber. Above Lincoln's head is this inscription: "In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever."

The Lincoln Memorial is open day and night. Many people enjoy viewing it at dusk. At that time, some people say that the light makes it look as though Lincoln is watching over the nation he once loved.

Check Your Understanding

- From the context of the passage, what is the meaning of **inscribed**?
 - scribbled in ink
 - written or engraved on a surface
 - a kind of marble
 - a stone column
- What was Daniel Chester French's occupation?
 - architect
 - president
 - sculptor
 - painter
- Why were the Gettysburg Address and the second inaugural address inscribed on the memorial?
 - There were no other copies of the documents.
 - They were written about Lincoln.
 - They needed to fill up space.
 - They were Lincoln's most famous speeches.
- Which of the following facts would *not* be relevant to the passage about the Lincoln Memorial?
 - Lincoln helped preserve the Union.
 - Lincoln's speeches inspired Americans.
 - The president of the Confederacy was Jefferson Davis.
 - The Lincoln Memorial is made of marble.

