Two Presidential Houses



Carondelet Palace



The White House

The place where a president lives in any country is a famous landmark. The case is no different for Ecuador and the United States. The Ecuadorian President's residence is called Carondelet Palace and is located in Ecuador's capital city, Quito. It is in the Plaza de la Independencia near the Cathedral in the middle of Quito's historic district. It is more than 300 years old and has had very few renovations. It is an architectural masterpiece on the outside, and a design masterpiece on the inside. There are many different pieces of art, including a mural done by Oswaldo Guayasamín. The third floor is where the President lives. Visitors can only see the first floor.

The White House is on Pennsylvania Avenue in the capital city of the United States, Washington, D.C. The first President of the United States, George Washington, decided on its location. The construction was finished in 1800. However, many renovations were done in the 1900s to make the house bigger. It was first known as the President's Place, but in 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt renamed it The White House for the color of its exterior. It is the home of the U.S. President and his family as well as a museum. There are 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, and 6 floors in the house. These two presidential homes have a lot in common, but they are also very different. Both of them are worth visiting sometime!

After reading the text, decide if the following statements describe Carondelet, The White House, both, or neither.

1. Of the two presidential residences, this one is older. _____

2. This house is in the capital city. _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3. Of the two houses, this one is more renovated. _____

4. This house suffered a major fire. _____

5. Of the two houses, this one is bigger. _____

6. There is an important mural. _____

7. This is the official home of the President. _____

8. There is a museum. _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS