

3 Read the passage on Yellowstone National Park once again. Underline the parts where the following information is to be found.

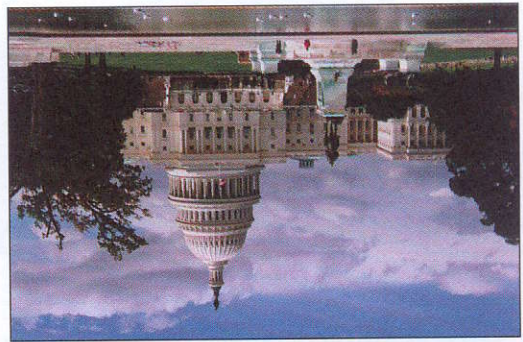
1. There are bears that are not afraid of tourists.
2. Yellowstone is abundant in natural wonders.
3. There are also very old trees that are like stones by now.
4. Yellowstone is a perfect holiday for a lot of people.
5. A visitor should not leave the park without seeing Yellowstone Canyon.
6. One of the most famous American national parks is Yellowstone.

4 Choose a Hungarian national park. Write at least 10 sentences in which you describe the park and recommend it to foreign tourists.

READING D

Where Do We Go from Here? - Top Tourist Attractions

The United States is one of the most popular holiday destinations; millions of tourists from all over the world visit the country each year. Compared to other parts of the world, however, US tourism is unique in one respect: instead of visiting historical monuments and reminders of past cultures and civilizations, most tourists are attracted by the icons of modern America. On their dream holiday they wish to experience the dream world they know from advertisements and movies. Many look for the symbols of modern



Capitol, Washington D. C.

1 Read the following text with special attention to the words in bold.

America and the American way of life, symbols of freedom and power, such as the Statue of Liberty or the White House. Metropolises and some smaller cities are sights in themselves: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington DC, San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles are among the favorites. Besides urban attractions, natural beauties are the other major appeal of the country. America is abundant in national parks and wildlife preserves, and boasts of such breathtaking sights as Niagara Falls or the Grand Canyon.

This brief account of American tourist attractions concentrates on the icons of modern America. New York, the Big Apple, as it is usually referred to, is one of the most exciting destinations. Originally a Dutch settlement called New Amsterdam, it became the British colony of New York in the 1670s. The most populous US city is made up of several islands including Manhattan, Long Island, and Staten Island. Navigation in most of Manhattan is made easy by a grid system of named and numbered avenues running from north to

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south, and numbered streets that run from east to west. Broadway, famous for its theaters and nightlife, is the only avenue that cuts diagonally across the island (originally it was a woodland path used by Indians). The emblematic New York skyline is shaped by numerous **skyscrapers** such as the 102-storey-high Empire State Building, the artistic Chrysler Building, and the tri-



New York skyline

angular Flatiron Building. The Statue of Liberty, modeled on the Colossus of Rhodes, remains the most enduring symbol of New York City and even of the US. The gift of the French government honoring the American conception of political freedom was **unveiled** on October 28, 1886. 354 steps lead up to the crown of the 45-meter high statue, which has become the **landmark** of New York Harbor. New York regards itself as the cultural center of the US. It houses world-famous museums like the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the city's most popular tourist site, and the Museum of Modern Art, which boasts of **masterpieces** by Picasso, Van Gogh, Mondrian, and Monet.

San Francisco, usually associated with the **Beat Generation**, Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg, flower power and free love, student protests and gay pride, is one of the most charming cities of the US. The city's growth was initiated by the **gold rush** in the 1850s; today the closeness of Silicon Valley ensures its economic appeal. The city lies on a rather **steep** and undulating terrain; it **boasts** the World's

Crookedest Street, and is also famous for its **cable cars**. The ultimate icon of San Francisco, however, is the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge. It crosses the 3-kilometer mouth of San Francisco Bay, and in 1937, at the time of its completion, it was the longest **suspension bridge** in the world. San Francisco is also **gateway** to the escape-proof Alcatraz prison on Alcatraz Island, once "home" to the infamous Al Capone, among many others.

The first buildings of the town which have grown to become the **glittering** Las Vegas were built by the Mormons in the 1850s. Hardly could they suspect that within a century this isolated settlement surrounded by desert was to become the center of money and **gambling**. The major step in this development was the legalization of gambling by the state of Nevada in 1931: El Rancho, the first **casino**, was opened in 1941. The emblematic image of Vegas is that of "the Strip", a long line of hotels and casinos lit by millions of light-bulbs and neon tubes, Vegas Vic and Sassy Sal being the two most famous neon icons. Besides gambling, the town has another appeal: the dream of thousands of couples is to get married in the Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas.



The Golden Gate Bridge

Few visitors to the US miss out on a trip to the nation's capital, Washington. Capitol Hill is the main sightseeing area, with the **Capitol** as the epicenter of the city: Washington's major avenues **intersect** at an imaginary point under the dome. The

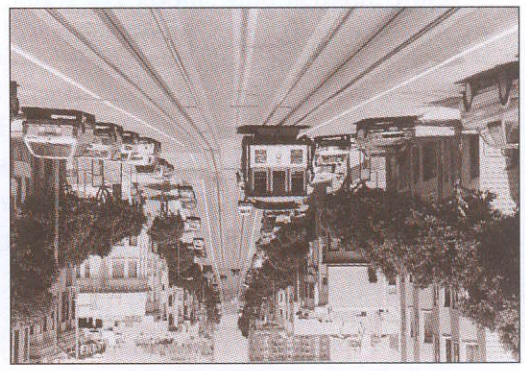
1. Yellowstone National Park
2. Disneyworld
3. Central Park
4. Niagara Falls

2 Match the following famous tourist sights with the place where they can be found.

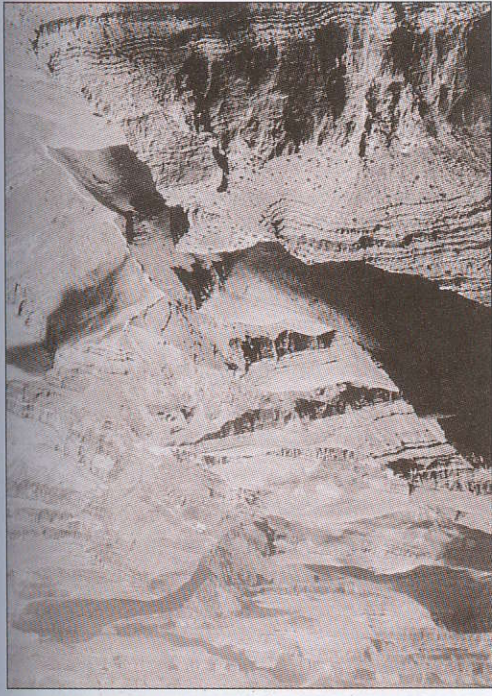
- a. New York City
- b. California
- c. Washington, DC
- d. Florida

No account of American tourist attractions is complete without mentioning Florida and California. Florida is loved primarily for its beaches: one of the best, Miami Beach, famous for its white sand and clear water, stretches 19 kilometers along the coastline. The largest city in California is Los Angeles, often abbreviated as LA. Greater Los Angeles comprises about 80 cities and suburbs, linked by a tangle of freeways. This is the place where the American dream is manufactured: one of the main attractions is Hollywood in northwestern LA. Although no longer the

White House is office and home to the President in power, and only parts of it are open to the public. Another famous landmark of the city is the Washington Monument, a white obelisk rising from the center of the Mall. The Mall boasts some of the capital's most famous museums: the Smithsonian is among the world's finest; its collection is so huge that only 1% of it is on display. The Lincoln Memorial, the symbol of America's commitment to civil rights, was completed in 1922. The 36 columns of the monument represent the 36 states in Lincoln's union.



San Francisco cable car



The Grand Canyon

epicenter of film production, it still bears the reminders of its Golden Age. Hollywood Boulevard is known for the bronze stars honoring the celebrities of show business, while the sidewalk to the Chinese Theater boasts the prints of more than 150 filmstars. Beverly Hills nearby is home to the rich and famous. The other major tourist attraction in the area is Disneyland, the dream holiday destination of millions of children as well as adults. The theme park is divided into four different lands: Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland and Tomorrowland. Frontierland recaptures the Frontier experience, the harsh realities of the Wild West, while Fantasyland leads into a fictional world populated by Disney's favorite characters.

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- e. Arizona
- f. Wyoming (mostly)
- g. New York state
- h. Los Angeles

3 Match the words with their definitions.

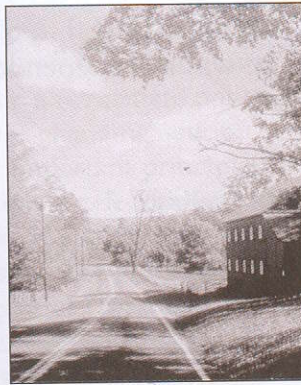
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| 1. landmark | a. going rapidly to a region where gold has just been discovered |
| 2. celebrity | b. a network of lines forming a pattern of squares |
| 3. gambling | c. to uncover something, for example a statue |
| 4. gateway | d. famous person, like a well known filmstar |
| 5. grid | e. shining |
| 6. to unveil | f. a practice of playing cards or other games for money |
| 7. glittering | g. an object that is easily seen and recognized from a longer distance |
| 8. goldrush | h. a place through which one must go to reach some other place |

4 Describe the pictures below by using the new vocabulary. Try to guess which region of the US they are characteristic of.

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b



c



d



5 Translate the following passage into English.

Az Egyesült Államokban a lakosság eloszlása meglehetősen egyenlőtlen: hatalmas lakatlan területek váltakoznak túlszűfolt nagyvárosokkal. Az éghajlat nagyon változatos, mindenféle szélsőségre találunk példát ebben az óriási országban. New Yorkban például a nyarak általában nagyon melegek, a telek pedig rettenetesen hidegek. Sokan nem is gondolnák, hogy New York Nápollyal fekszik egy szélességi fokon, a legtöbben északabbra tennék a térképen az amerikai várost. Az ország domborzata ugyan csak igen változatos: termékeny síkságok, száraz sivatagok, hatalmas fennsíkok, erdővel borított hegységek egyaránt előfordulnak. Az amerikaiak egyik nemzeti büszkesége a Yellowstone Nemzeti Park. Az 1872-ben alapított park természeti látványokban rendkívül gazdag, több mint 3000 gejzírrel és melegvízi forrással dicsekedhet. A lenyűgöző táj mellett az állatvilága is különleges: a kirándulók láthatnak többek között medvét, őzet, antilopot, bölényt, jávorszarvast, prérifarkast vagy hiúzt.