



How Much Do You Know About Washington, D.C.?

Test your knowledge about the nation's capital with this quiz. Cover the answers on the right with a sheet of paper, then try to answer the questions without peeking. How many did you answer correctly?

1. What does the "D.C." in Washington, D.C., stand for?

2. For whom is Washington, D.C., named? _____
3. In what year did work begin on the design of Washington, D.C.?

4. Who designed Washington, D.C.? _____
5. How large a city is Washington, D.C.? _____
6. True or false: Washington is the only U.S. city that is not part of a state. _____
7. To what governmental body does the U.S. Constitution give the power to run Washington, D.C.? _____
8. Does Washington, D.C., have a Mayor and City Council?

9. In what presidential election year were residents of Washington, D.C., allowed to vote for President for the first time?

10. In what year did Congress grant residents of Washington, D.C., the right to vote for their local government?

1. District of Columbia
2. The nation's first President, George Washington, and explorer Christopher Columbus.
3. 1791
4. The work was begun by Pierre Charles L'Enfant. After L'Enfant was fired, Andrew Ellicott and Benjamin Banneker completed the job.
5. about 68 square miles
6. True
7. U.S. Congress
8. Yes. The Mayor and members of the City Council are all elected to four-year terms. However, Congress has the right to veto city laws and must approve the city's budget.
9. 1964
10. 1973. Before 1973, D.C. residents had not had that right in almost 100 years. In 1974, city voters elected Walter E. Washington as Mayor.