DISCOVER THE REAL DC
KIDS ACTIVITY GUIDE

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Washington, DC is one cool city. Most people know it’s the capital of the United States, but what you probably don’t know is that DC is a very interesting place.

It’s filled with some of the world’s most recognizable landmarks, such as the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Best of all, there are tons of free things to see, like the Star-Spangled Banner flag at the National Museum of American History, the elephants at the National Zoo or the sculpture at the National Gallery of Art.

Sports fans love cheering on the Washington Redskins, a team that’s fun to watch. And locals love to explore neighborhoods like Capitol Hill, where you’ll find the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

When it comes to food, DC has its own version of a food item called a “half-smoke,” which is best served topped with food item.

I love Washington, DC because it’s the city in the .
**District Maze**

Explore the nation’s capital and its most famous landmarks.

**Decoder Game**

Crack the code by using the symbols in the Alphabet Key.

**Alphabet Key**

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A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y Z
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**Word Decoder Puzzle**

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Color the POTOMAC

Cruise the POTOMAC

start!

Finish!

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Museum Wordsearch

SPOT the Difference

I Spy! Can you find the ten differences in the pictures below?

National Museum of Natural History:
- Hope Diamond
- T - Rex Skull
- Giant Squid
- Butterfly Pavilion

National Air and Space Museum:
- Wright Flyer
- Moon Rock
- Apollo 11 Command Module
- Planetarium
- IMAX Theater

National Museum of American History:
- Star Spangled Banner
- Dorothy's Ruby Slippers
- Lincoln's Top Hat
- Ride Simulators
Color and decorate your own DC Cupcakes!

Color the DC Neighborhood!

Match the PRESIDENTS!

A) Youngest-ever elected president
   ___George Washington

B) Author of the Declaration of Independence
   ___Thomas Jefferson

C) Brought a zebra, small bear and other animals to the White House
   ___Abraham Lincoln

D) Famous for saying, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."
   ___Theodore Roosevelt

E) Served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army before his presidency
   ___Franklin D. Roosevelt

F) His inauguration attracted more visitors than any other event in Washington, DC history
   ___John F. Kennedy

G) Famous for saying, "Four score and seven years ago."
   ___Ronald Reagan

H) Was an actor before becoming the president
   ___Barack Obama
WASHINGTON, DC was created in 1791 as a unique federal district of the government, making it unlike any city or state.

The flag of the District of Columbia was inspired by George Washington’s family’s coat of arms.

When the Washington Monument opened in 1884, it was the tallest structure in the world.

The Washington National Cathedral features a carving of Darth Vader.

The Library of Congress is the world’s largest library, with 838 miles of bookshelves.

People from Washington, DC are known as Washingtonians.

More than 20 million people visit Washington, DC each year.

There are 154 million artifacts and works in the Smithsonian Institution’s collections.

The Georgetown neighborhood is actually older than Washington, DC itself.

Not all White House pets have been cats and dogs. Two first families have kept alligators: John Quincy Adams and Herbert Hoover.