

The Washington Monument

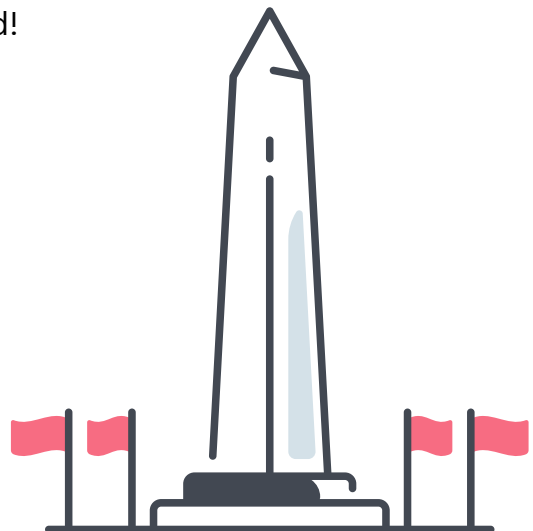
- The Washington Monument is a giant stone obelisk standing 555 feet tall in Washington, D.C.
- It was built to honor George Washington, the first U.S. president.
- The monument's foundation was laid in 1848, but construction stopped due to money problems and the Civil War.
- It was finally completed in 1884.
- The monument was designed by an architect named Robert Mills.
- If you look closely, you'll notice the color of the stone changes partway up because different materials were used when construction resumed.
- The tip of the monument is made of aluminum, which was a rare and valuable metal in 1884.
- The Washington Monument is surrounded by 50 flags, one for each U.S. state.

Vocabulary Words

- **Monument** – A structure built to honor a person or event.
- **Obelisk** – A tall, four-sided stone pillar that tapers to a point at the top.
- **Memorial** – Something created to help people remember an important person or event.
- **Architect** – A person who designs buildings and structures.
- **Foundation** – The base or groundwork of a building that supports its weight.

What Is an Obelisk?

- An obelisk is a tall, four-sided stone pillar that tapers to a point at the top.
- This design comes from ancient Egypt, where obelisks were built to honor important people and events.
- The Washington Monument is the tallest obelisk in the world!



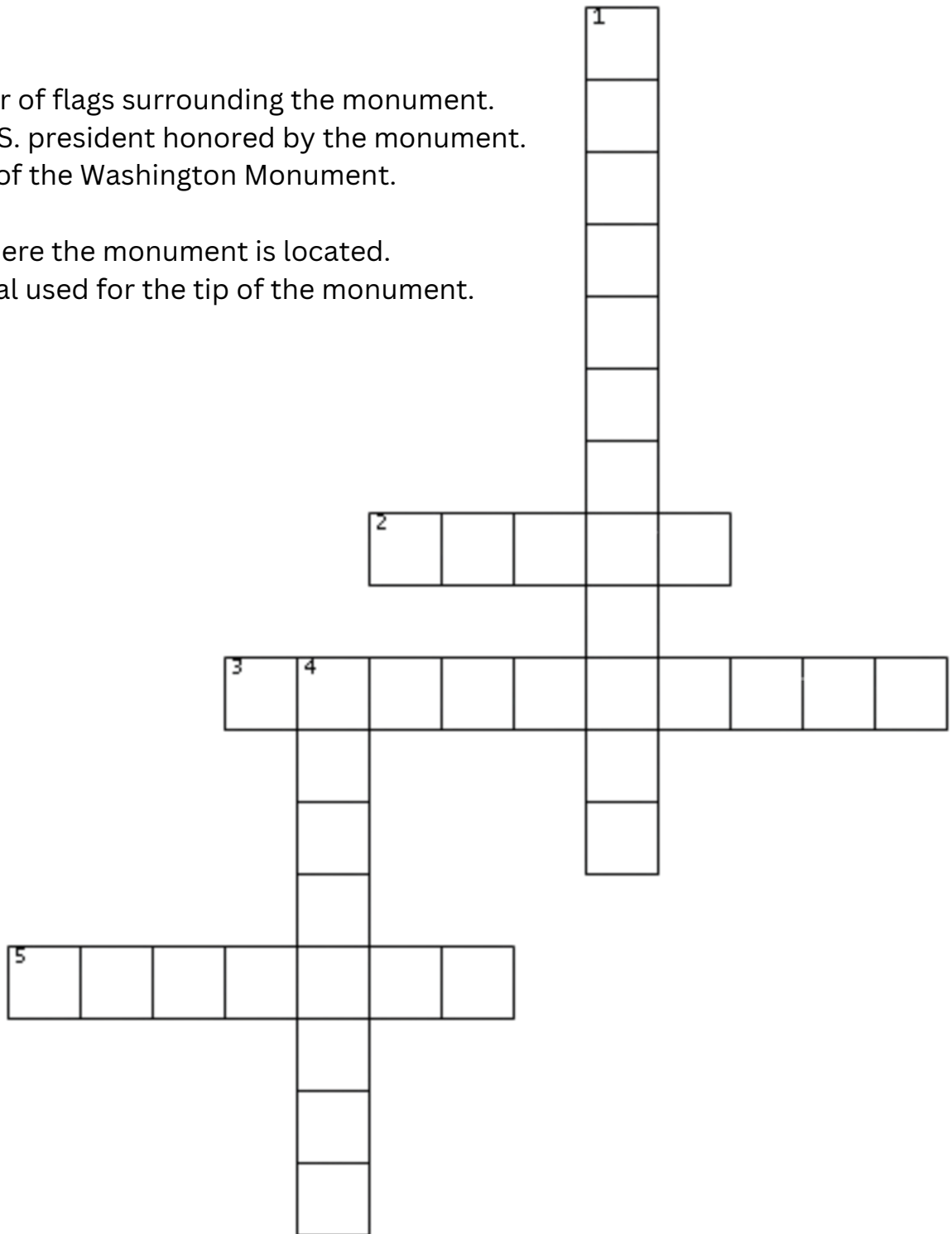
Washington Monument Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 2. The number of flags surrounding the monument.
- 3. The first U.S. president honored by the monument.
- 5. The shape of the Washington Monument.

Down

- 1. The city where the monument is located.
- 4. The material used for the tip of the monument.



Fill-in-the-Blanks

The Washington Monument is a giant _____ that stands 555 feet tall.

The monument was built to honor _____, the first U.S. president.

The design of the Washington Monument was created by an _____ named Robert Mills.

The Washington Monument is the tallest _____ in the world.

The base of a building or structure that supports its weight is called the _____.

The Washington Monument is surrounded by _____ flags, one for each U.S. state.

The tip of the Washington Monument is made of _____, which was a rare metal in 1884.