

Speaking

Student 1

Task 1

Preparation –10 minutes

(Monologue; Time: 2-3 minutes)

Imagine that you are making an excursion for a group of visitors from the USA about the masterpieces of Russian architecture. Make your presentation about the monument (SET 1). Use fact file in the table to be able to comment on:

- 1) background information about the monument
- 2) sculptural features
- 3) facts
- 4) theme of the monument

-Make your presentation, commenting on 4 aspects mentioned above.

- Remember to make an introduction and conclusion.

- You are not allowed to read the notes made during the preparation time.

Then answer 2 QUESTIONS of your partner.

Task 2

(Dialogue; Time: 2 minutes)

Now you are a member of an excursion group from Russia in Washington, the USA. Listen to the presentation of your partner (a guide) about the Lincoln Memorial, ask your partner 2 QUESTIONS to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

Your answer will be recorded.

SET 1

The Motherland Calls

<p>Background information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the compositional centre of the monument-ensemble "Heroes of the Battle of Stalingrad" (Mamayev Kurgan, Volgograd, Russia). - designed by sculptor Yevgeny Vuchetich and structural engineer Nikolai Nikitin, - declared the tallest statue in the world in 1967 (at 85 m (279 ft) the tallest statue in Europe, the tallest outside of Asia and the tallest statue (excluding pedestals) of a woman in the world).
<p>Sculptural Features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Motherland Calls</i> is highly complex from an engineering point of view, due to its characteristic posture with a sword raised high in the right hand and the left hand extended in a calling gesture. - The sculpture is hollow. - The technology behind the hollow statue is based on a combination of prestressed concrete with wire ropes, a solution which can also be found in another work of Nikitin's, the Ostankino Tower in Moscow. Inside, the entire statue consists of separate cells or chambers, like rooms in a building. - The concrete walls of the sculpture are 25–30 cm thick. - started in May 1959 and completed on 15 October 1967. - Restoration work on the main monument of the monument complex was done in 1972, when the sword was replaced by another entirely consisting of stainless steel. - Vuchetich sculpted the figure from the discus thrower Nina Dumbadze, and the face from his wife Vera. - the statue has parallels with the figure of the "Marseillaise" on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, and that the statue's pose was inspired by the statue of <i>Nike of Samothrace</i>. - At night, the sculpture is illuminated by floodlights. It was specially illuminated as part of a light show titled "The Light of the Great Victory", marking the 76th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany
<p>Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - depicted on the postage stamp of the GDR 1983. - A copy of the sculpture is present in Manzhouli, China. - depicted on a 1975 one Ruble commemorative coin. - two hundred steps, symbolizing the 200 days of the Battle of Stalingrad, lead from the bottom of the hill to the monument.
<p>The theme of the monument</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an allegorical image of the Motherland, which calls on its sons and daughters to repulse the enemy and return to the attack. - is the central part of the triptych, consisting of the monuments "Rear-Front" in Magnitogorsk and "Warrior-Liberator" in Berlin's Treptower Park. - is understood that the sword, forged by the side of the Urals, was later raised by Motherland in Stalingrad and dropped after the Victory in Berlin.



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Student 2

Preparation –10 minutes

Task 1

(Dialogue; Time: 2 minutes)

Imagine that you are a member of an excursion group from the USA in Volgograd, Russia. Listen to the presentation of your partner (a guide) about the monument “The Motherland Calls”, ask your partner 2 QUESTIONS to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

Task 2

(Monologue; Time: 2-3 minutes)

Now you are making an excursion for a group of visitors from Russia about the masterpieces of the United States architecture. Make your presentation about the Lincoln Memorial (SET 2). Use fact file in the table to be able to comment on:

- 5) background information about the monument
- 6) sculptural features
- 7) facts
- 8) theme of the monument

-Make your presentation, commenting on 4 aspects mentioned above.
- Remember to make an introduction and conclusion.
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SET 2

The Lincoln Memorial

Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-a US national memorial built to honor the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln.-on the western end of the National Mall in Washington, D.C., across from the Washington Monument,-the form of a neoclassical temple.-The memorial's architect -Henry Bacon.-The designer of the memorial interior's large central statue, <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> (1920), was Daniel Chester French.-the Lincoln statue was carved by the Piccirilli Brothers. <p>Dedicated in May 1922,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-one of several memorials built to honor an American president.
Sculptural Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-resembles a classic Greek Temple and is build with Yule marble that was quarried in Colorado. Yule marble is a metamorphosed limestone that can only be found in the Yule Creek Valley in Colorado.- The main chambers of the building are surrounded by 36 columns that represent the 36 United States in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. Each column stands 44 feet (13 m) tall and has a base diameter of 7.5 feet (2.3 m). Above the colonnades, the friezes have the names of all 36 states inscribed along with the date they entered the Union.- The inside of the building consists of 3 chambers which are flanked by 2 rows of 4 Ionic Columns. Each of the columns is 50 feet (15 m) tall and 5.5 feet (1.7 m) apart from each other at their base.- The central chamber houses the statue of Abraham Lincoln and the north and south chambers have inscriptions of Lincoln's second inaugural address and his Gettysburg Address.- The central chamber is 60 feet wide and 74 feet deep, while the north and south chambers are 38 feet wide and 63 feet deep. All chambers are 60 feet high from floor to ceiling.- One of the most recognizable statues in the world is that of Abraham Lincoln, sitting in a chair in deep contemplation. It is located in the central chamber of the Lincoln Memorial.
Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- is bordered by 2 pilasters and above his head, an epitaph written by Royal Cortissoz is engraved which reads: "IN THIS TEMPLE AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS ENSHRINED FOREVER"- often featured in books, films, and television shows that take place in Washington; by 2003 it had appeared in over 60 films.
The theme of the monument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- is more than just a monument honoring the 16th American President. It has a symbolic meaning and became a sacred place for the Civil Rights Movement and freedom fighters.

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