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Dictionarys and Glossaries

Directions: Read the paragraph below. Use the glossary to fill in the blanks.



GLOSSARY

agricultural: raising crops and animals; farming

assume: to take on as one's own

astronomical: having to do with the stars

capital: the most important city in a country, usually where its government resides.

compromise: to agree to something that is not entirely what you wanted, so that others can have some of what they wanted.

founded, founding: established, establishing

monument: a statue, building or other structure that reminds people of an event or person.

survey: to measure the lines and angles of a piece of land in order to make plans to build on it.

History of Washington D.C.

Washington D.C. was _____ on July 16, 1790, and was established by the Constitution of the United States to serve as the nation's _____. Its site along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers was chosen by the first president, George Washington, and was the result of a _____. Alexander Hamilton and the northern states wanted the new federal government to _____ Revolutionary War debts, and Thomas Jefferson and the southern states wanted the capital placed in a location friendly to slave-holding _____ interests. The city was designed by Pierre Charles L'Enfant. Benjamin Banneker, a self-taught African American mathematical genius, used _____ calculations to _____ and lay out the city. During the War of 1812 most of the city was burnt to the ground by invading British soldiers. It wasn't until almost a hundred years after its _____ that Washington D.C. began to take shape as the city we know today, with its National Mall and _____.