

Mount Rushmore Fact Sheet

Monumental Men

Directions

Read the information about Mount Rushmore, then answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper.

Questions

1. Who came up with the idea for Mount Rushmore?
2. Which heroic figures were originally proposed for Mount Rushmore?
3. Who was the first choice for sculptor of Mount Rushmore and why did he choose not to do it?
4. Who was chosen as the lead sculptor of Mount Rushmore and who did he think should be carved into the rock?
5. Where is Mount Rushmore located and why did the lead sculptor choose that site?
6. When and for what purpose did Congress authorize the carving of the sculpture and the establishment of a state park?

7. When did the carving officially begin and who presided over the dedication ceremony?

8. What process was used to carve nearly all of the rock used in the sculpture? What tool was used to carve the remaining rock?

9. How many years passed between the unveiling and dedication of the first president's face and the last president's face?

10. When did Mount Rushmore become a national memorial and who was the park's first superintendent?