

Практическое занятие № 15

Тема: Название основных городов, достопримечательностей США.

Цель: Совершенствование навыков чтения и перевода с целью извлечения информации по теме: США

Содержание работы:

1. Прочитать текст ответить на вопросы
2. Написать о любой достопримечательности США (или подготовить небольшую презентацию)

1. Прочитайте, выпишите основные города ответьте на вопросы

Famous Big and Small Cities of the USA

New York City

New York is one of the largest cities in the world. Its population is over 11 million people. New York is an industrial and cultural centre of the country. Most business is situated in Manhattan Island. The whole area is very small, that's why the sky-scrapers were invented in New York and, especially, in Wall Street. Wall Street is a narrow street with big houses, but it is well known all over the world as the busiest street in the USA. People do business there. There are two more world-famous streets — Broadway and Fifth Avenue. Broadway is the centre of the theatres and night life.

Manhattan is the heart of New York and the centre of American finance, art, theatre and fashion. It is divided into the West Side and the East Side and also into Downtown, Midtown and Uptown Manhattan. Wall Street is one of the most famous streets in New York where the New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange are situated.

New York is the largest port in America. More than half the trade of the United States goes through this city. The Empire State Building is the tallest building in New York with 102 floors.

There are many places of interest in New York. They are: the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations Building, Empire State Building, Columbia University, City Hall, New York Public Library and others.

New York is famous for its museums and art galleries too. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is the biggest of all. It houses more than two million works of art several hundred thousand of which are on display at any time.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles (or L.A.), a city in California, is considered to be the capital of the film industry. Hollywood, a district of L.A., is famous for its film production all over the world. It used to be a farmland until film-makers started to move there. Hollywood turned to be a perfect place for shooting films all year round as it has mountains, an ocean and a desert.

The Beverly Hills district is the wealthiest area of Los Angeles. It's famous for its beautiful houses and expensive shops and restaurants. The city is very busy with a lot of traffic going along highways. It's one of the problems that L.A. faces nowadays. Its air is so polluted that sometimes people can't see the sun even when there are no clouds in the sky. Another problem is crime. This is one of the most dangerous cities in the States.

Los Angeles is not only a tourist centre, but also a large centre of manufacturing, finance and trade.

There are a lot of places of interest in L.A. The Music Centre is the cultural point of Southern California, and the home to orchestral music, vocal performance, opera, theatre and dance. At the Children's Museum there are exhibits designed especially for children who can touch and explore them and learn through play.

Little Tokyo makes you feel in Japan. There are luxury goods and numerous exotic restaurants there. Chinatown is located in the spacious lanes. Numerous shops offer oriental goods.

The Natural History Museum displays fossils, gems and minerals.

A good place to have fun is Disneyland where children and grown-ups can spend some great time.

San Francisco

San Francisco is one the most beautiful cities in America. It used to be very small until the Gold Rush began.

Seekers of gold came to San Francisco and stayed there. In a few years the population of the city grew to more than 50 thousand people. Later, in 1906, San Francisco was destroyed by a huge earthquake and a big part of the city burned down.

San Francisco is surrounded by water on three sides, it stands on 40 hills and trams, or street-cars, climb up and down the hills. The city also bears the reputation of being crazy. Beat poets and hippies led a very active life there.

The Golden Gate Bridge, which is over the Golden Gate Strait connecting San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean* is the symbol of San Francisco.

Boston

Boston, the capital of Massachusetts, is the oldest major city in the USA. It is a city of numerous historic places and places of interest. The Freedom Trail is the simplest, cheapest, safest, and most flexible way to get acquainted with Boston's historic sights. The Trail is a red line painted on the pavement following which one can pass by all important places of interest in Boston.

Two big celebrations take place in Boston's Chinatown every year. The first is the New Year, usually celebrated in February. The activities include lion dances, traditional Chinese dance and Kung Fu performances. There are a lot of

big and small cheap Chinese restaurants in the district.

The New England Aquarium has the world's largest collection of sharks. The Museum of Fine Arts displays outstanding Egyptian and Asian collections, a good display of Impressionists and superb Americans.

The Constitution ship is another interesting place to visit. The entrance to the ship is free to the public. Boston also has a lot of monuments, such as the Boston Massacre Monument, the Lafayette Monument, the Declaration of Independence Monument and the Civil War Monument.

QUESTIONS

1. What's the tallest building in New York?
2. What borough is the heart of New York? What parts is it divided into?
3. What museums and art galleries are there in New York?
4. What are the most famous places in the city?
5. Where is Los Angeles situated?
6. What industry is Los Angeles famous for?
7. What is the Beverly Hills district?
8. What problems does Los Angeles face today?
9. What interesting places can be seen in Los Angeles?
10. What city is the capital of Massachusetts?
11. What historic places of interest can be seen/visited in the city?
12. What can you tell about Chinatown? What big celebrations take place there?

2.Прочитайте. Используя интернет ресурсы найдите информацию и напишите о любой достопримечательности США на английском

The USA's famous places of interest

The Statue of Liberty



The Statue of Liberty is located on Liberty Island in New York. In 1886 American people got it as a gift from the French. Since that time the statue has been the symbol of freedom and of the United States.

The height of the Statue of Liberty is 93 metres (from ground level to torch). Visitors can admire the view of the harbour from its crown. There is a torch in its right hand and a tablet in its left arm.

The White House



The White House is the official residence of the President of the USA. It is located in Washington. The building consists of 6 floors with different rooms including living space and halls for official receptions.

George Washington was the only American president who didn't live in the White House. When he was the President, the White House did not exist.

The White House was built in 1800. The famous Oval Office where the President of the USA works is located here.

Niagara Falls



Niagara Falls are located on the border between Canada and the USA. "Niagara Falls" is a common name for three waterfalls – the American Falls, the Horseshoe Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls.

Niagara Falls are not very high (53 metres) but very wide.

Every year thousands of people visit this scenic place. There is the Rainbow Bridge over the river which connects both countries. It is open for pedestrians.

The Golden Gate Bridge



The Golden Gate Bridge is a world-famous bridge over the Golden Gate strait. It is one of the most recognisable places in the world and the symbol of the USA.

Its length is 2,7 km. The bridge was built in 1937 and connects San-Francisco and Marin County.

The Grand Canyon



The Grand Canyon is one of the deepest canyons in the world. Its depth is 1800 metres. It is located in Arizona on the territory of the national park. The length of the canyon is 446 km and its width varies from 6 to 29 km at the top and is less than 1 km at the bottom.

The Grand Canyon is a very picturesque place. Every year thousands of tourists come here. Nowadays visitors can admire the canyon from the observation point called "Grand Canyon Skywalk".

Times Square



Times Square is a square in the centre of Manhattan. It is not only the symbol of New York but the USA as well. Times Square is one of the most visited places of interest in the world. A lot of Broadway theatres are located in it. A lot of big companies also have their offices there.

Times Square is full of bright neon advertisement which makes it a very recognisable place.

The Empire State Building



The Empire State Building is a famous skyscraper in New York. This building was the tallest building in the world for a long time. It has 103 floors. There are two observation decks in the building (on floors 86 and 102).

The height of the building is 443 metres. 73 lifts serve it.

The Empire State Building is designed in a simple but elegant style. It is one of the symbols of American culture.

The Empire State Building is an office building.

Hollywood



Hollywood is a neighbourhood in Los Angeles. It is known as the home of the US film industry. A lot of film production studios are located here. For example, film studio "Paramount Pictures" is based in Hollywood. Many celebrities live in this neighbourhood.

The Hollywood Walk of Fame is also located in Hollywood. It comprises more than 2600 stars.