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The United States of America

- The **United States of America** (also referred to as the **United States**, the **U.S.**, the **USA**, or **America**) is a federal constitutional republic .It consists of fifty states and a federal district.
- The country is situated mostly in central North America, where its forty-eight states and Washington, D.C., the capital district, lie between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.
- It is bordered by Canada to the north and Mexico to the south.

The state of Alaska is in the northwest of the continent, with Canada to the east and Russia to the west across the Bering Strait. The state of Hawaii is in the mid-Pacific.

Washington, D.C.(the **District of Columbia**) and commonly referred to as **Washington, the District**, or simply **D.C.**, is the capital of the United States, founded on July 16, 1790.

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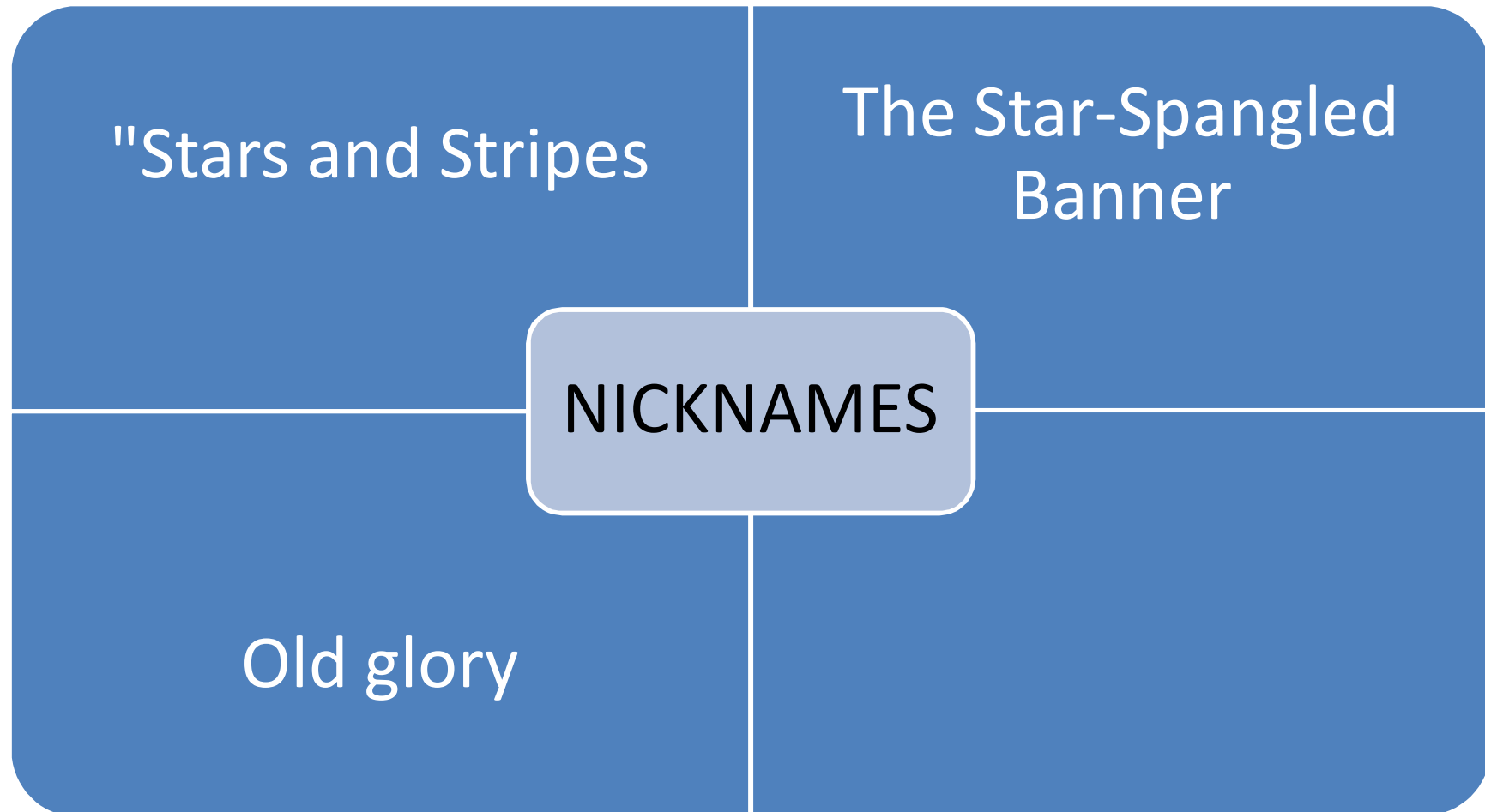
The national flag of the United States of America



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- It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the [canton](#) (referred to specifically as the "union") bearing fifty small, white, [five-pointed stars](#) arranged in nine offset horizontal rows of six stars (top and bottom) alternating with rows of five stars. The 50 stars on the flag represent the 50 [states](#)
- and the 13 stripes represent the original [thirteen colonies](#) that rebelled against the [British monarchy](#) and became the first states in the Union.¹

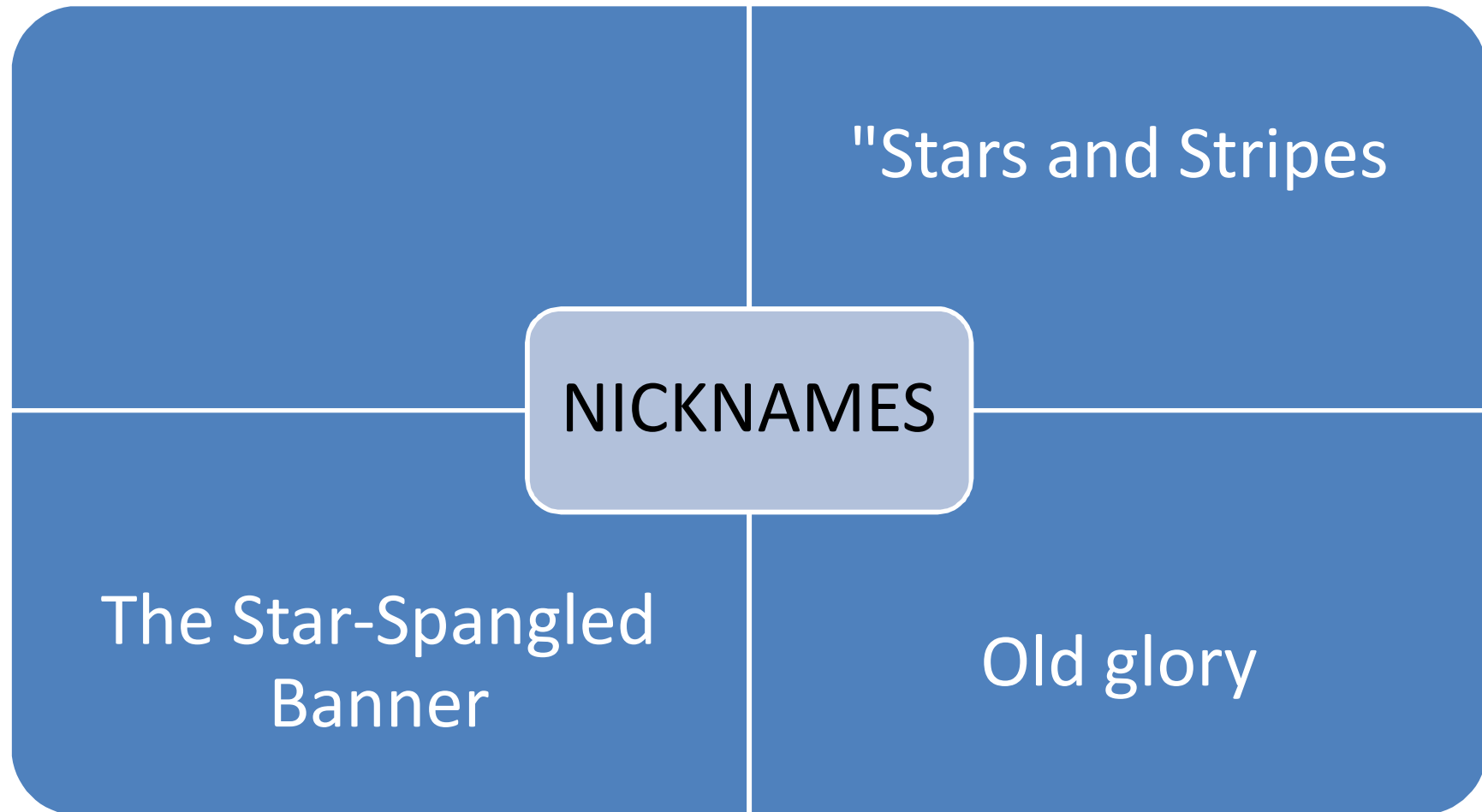
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¹ Nicknames for the flag include the "Stars and Stripes", "Old Glory,"[[] and "The Star-Spangled Banner" (also the name of the national anthem).

The bald eagle,



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national bird of the United
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Topographical Map



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The Freedom Bell hanging from its bell tower.



The Illinois Freedom Bell is annually rung in unison, at 1 pm [CDT](#) (6 pm [UTC](#) on the Independence Day, July 4, with other bells across the United States. Thousands of people gather in the village to hear the bell each year on Independence Day. In Mount Morris, the annual event is known as the Let Freedom Ring festival



Mt. Morris is home of the [Illinois Freedom Bell](#), which is located in the town square.

Redwood



[Del Norte Titan](#), the fourth largest coast redwood

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- This is a redwood tree in northern California redwood forest, where many [redwood](#) trees are managed for preservation and longevity.

- **Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C.**
The Jefferson Memorial, built to honor Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, was inspired by the Pantheon in Rome as well as the Rotunda at the University of Virginia, which Jefferson designed. It stands as a symbol of liberty and a site for reflection. Construction began in 1938 and continued despite the country's entrance into World War II in 1941. The memorial was dedicated on April 13, 1943, the 200th anniversary of Jefferson's birth.
- *Photograph by Christopher Jackson, My Shot*

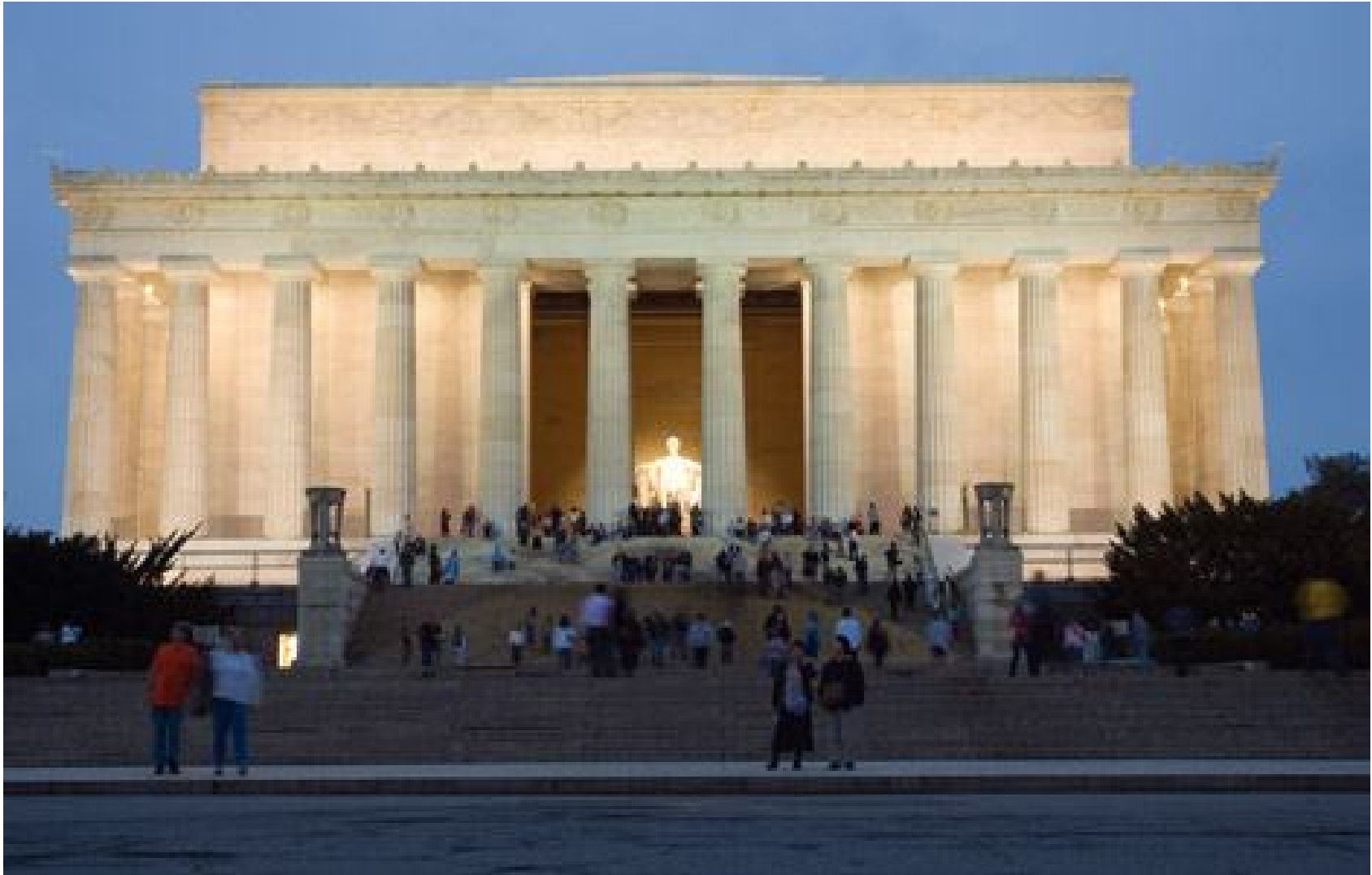
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- **Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.**

The Lincoln Memorial honors Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. The monument's design was modeled after the Parthenon in Athens. The interior features a 19-foot (5.8-meter) seated statue of Lincoln, with the Gettysburg Address, as well as his Second Inaugural Address, inscribed on the south and north walls. It has 36 columns, each 44 feet (13.4 meters) high, one for each state in the Union in 1860, the year in which Lincoln was elected. In 1963, on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in front of more than 200,000 people.

Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.



Mount Rushmore

- Mount Rushmore is a sculpture of U.S. Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln, carved into granite on the southeast side of Mount Rushmore. The 60-foot-tall (18-meter-tall) heads represent the first 150 years of the United States, symbolizing the nation's independence, democratic process, leadership in world affairs, and equality. Mount Rushmore is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the United States. The stone sculpture took six and a half years to complete and was carved with the help of hundreds of workers using dynamite, jackhammers, chisels, and drills.

Mount Rushmore is



Mount Rushmore National Memorial

- It is a [sculpture](#) carved into the [granite](#) face of Mount Rushmore near [Keystone, South Dakota](#), in the [United States](#). Sculpted by [Gutzon Borglum](#) and later by his son [Lincoln Borglum](#), Mount Rushmore features 60-foot (18 m) sculptures of the heads of former [United States presidents](#) (in order from left to right) [George Washington](#), [Thomas Jefferson](#), [Theodore Roosevelt](#) and [Abraham Lincoln](#).^[1] The entire memorial covers 1,278.45 acres (5.17 km²) and is 5,725 feet (1,745 m) above sea level.

The Statue of Liberty



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- The Statue of Liberty, officially titled Liberty Enlightening the World, was a gift of friendship from France to the United States. It's a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The statue of a robed woman holding a torch has welcomed visitors, immigrants, and returning Americans traveling by ship for more than a century. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886, and was designated as a National Monument in 1924.

National parks

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Everglades National Park



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- Everglades National Park consists of 1.5 million acres (607029.45 hectares) of water wetlands. There is no place more than eight feet (2.5 meters) above sea level. The park is home to all different types of species, such as the alligator and egrets (pictured), whose white feathers stand out against the neutral tones of the freshwater prairie, also known as the "River of Grass."

- <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/>
- <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/photos/us-monuments/>



The National Park of American Samoa



- The National Park of American Samoa houses the only tropical rain forest that is part of the National Park System. This park also contains coral reefs and white sand beaches. About 890 fish species live in its coastal waters—twice the number of fish species found in Hawaii. This park is also home to unique tropical animals like the flying fox, Pacific boa, tortoises, and many birds and fish.



- Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is America's first national park. It spans three states: Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. It is home to a variety of wildlife, such as grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk. Old Faithful, the frequently-erupting geyser, is located in Yellowstone, as well as numerous other geysers and hot springs.



- Redwood National Park covers an area of 172 square miles (445 square kilometers). More than one-third of the park is forest. The park is named after redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*), which are the tallest living trees. They can grow over 300 feet (90 meters) in height. Their trunks reach diameters of 10 to 20 feet (three to six meters). The trees can live to be over 2,000 years old. In addition to the monstrous trees, there is a variety of wildlife, including bald eagles, black bears, coyotes, and Roosevelt elk.

Yellowstone National Park



- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MYjUgxZr9c&feature=related>



- **Old Faithful** is a cone geyser located in Wyoming, in Yellowstone National Park in the United States. Old Faithful was named in 1870 and was the first geyser in the park to receive a name

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**Grizzly bear or
silver tip bear**



Grey wolf

Grand Canyon of Yellowstone



Great Smoky Mountains National Park



- Great Smoky Mountains National Park has one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world, especially its wildflower diversity. The park has over 1,660 kinds of flowering plants, more than any other North American national park. The park's name is derived from the smoke-like fog that hangs over the mountains, a result of rain and evaporation from trees. More than nine million people visit the park each year.

Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska



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The park was established as Mount McKinley National Park in 1917, named after Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America, which is 20,320 feet (6,194 meters) tall. The original park was designated a wilderness area and incorporated into Denali National Park and Preserve in 1980. The park is made up of six million acres (2428117.8 hectares)—larger than the state of Massachusetts. The park's wildlife includes sheep, moose, grizzly bears, and caribou.

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