


SOLUTIONS ELEMENTARY 5

CULTURE 9:

THE WHITE HOUSE

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**WHAT ARE THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
BUILDINGS IN
IRAN?**



CINEMA MUSEUM





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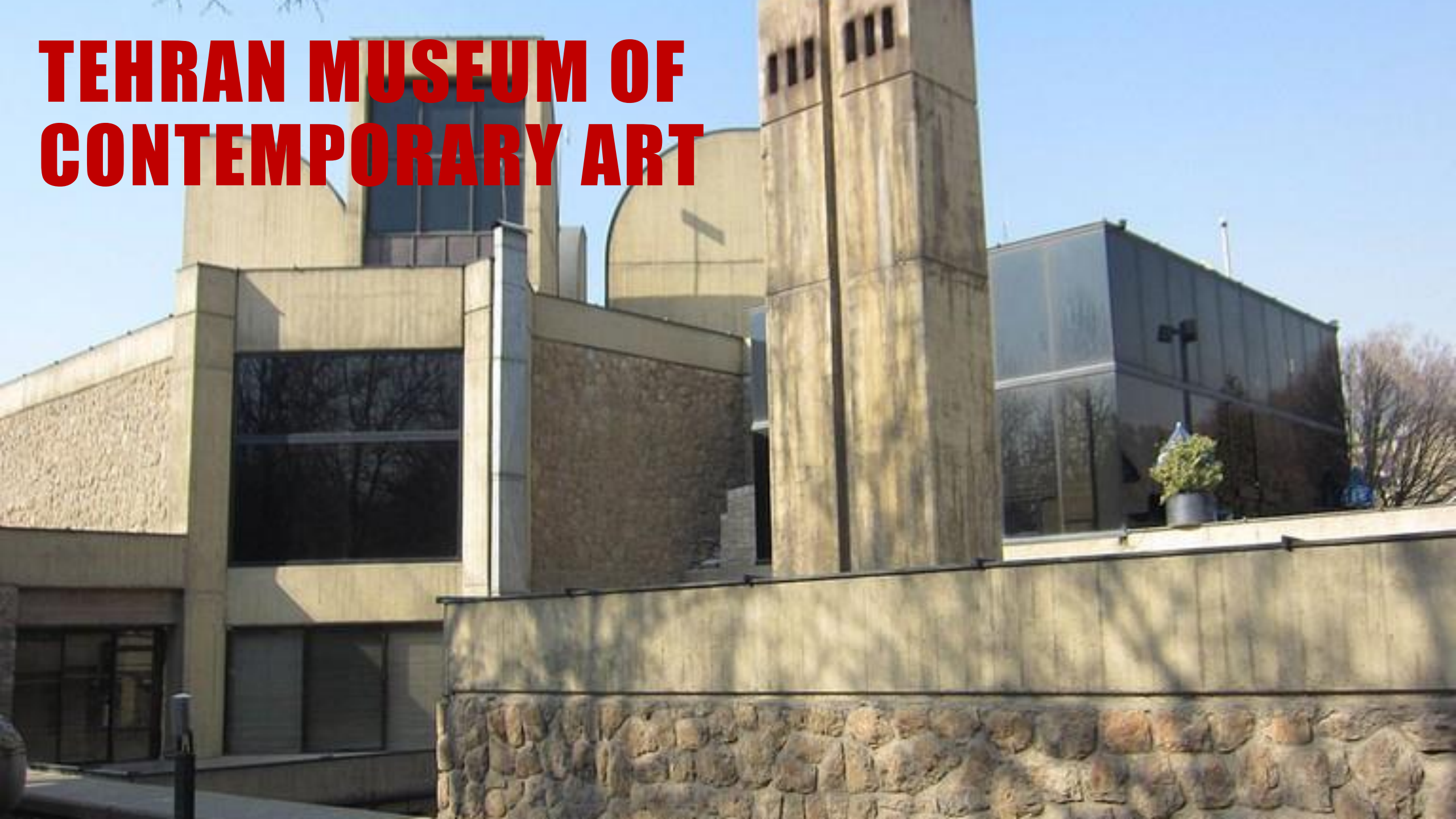


TIME MUSEUM





TEHRAN MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART





**WHAT ABOUT
THE USA?**

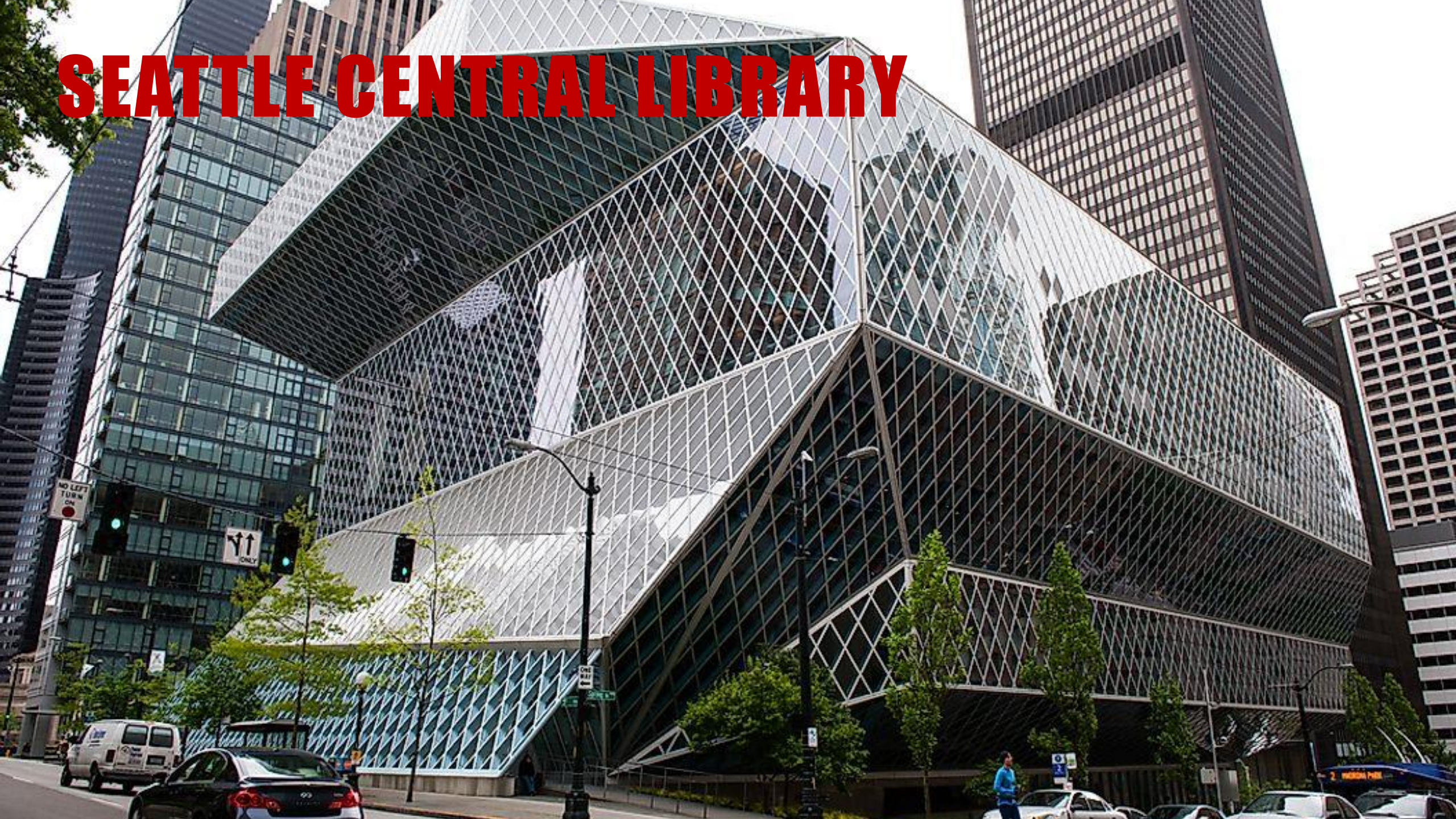


EMPIRE STATE BUILDING





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THE WHITE HOUSE



- 1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs or small groups. Who lives in this building? In which country and city is it?







GEORGE
WASHINGTON

The first
president of
the United
States from
1789 to 1797.





JOHN ADAMS

The second
president of the
United States,
serving from 1797
to 1801.





JAMES MONROE

The fifth
president of the
United States
from 1817 to
1825.





FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The thirty second
president of the
United States from
March 4, 1933 to
April 12, 1945.

2 USE OF ENGLISH Read the White House information sheet.
Choose the correct words to complete the text.

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| 1 a of | b at | c for |
| 2 a a | b some | c the |
| 3 a in | b into | c onto |
| 4 a more | b later | c then |
| 5 a At | b On | c In |
| 6 a a | b the | c one |

4.30



Welcome to the White House!

In 1789, George Washington became the first President ¹ _____ the United States. Two years later, he chose this place to build the President's house. Unfortunately, Washington died before ² _____ house was ready, so the first person to live there was the second President, John Adams. He moved ³ _____ the house with his wife, Abigail, in 1800. Since then, every President has lived there.

Over the years, there have been many changes. The British set fire to the house in 1814 during a war between the two countries. Three years ⁴ _____, President Monroe organised the repairs. In 1901, President Roosevelt named the house the 'White House' and the next year, he started a programme to modernise it. This included building a new part of the house: the West Wing. ⁵ _____ 1909, William Taft created the Oval Office in the West Wing, and this has been the President's office since then.

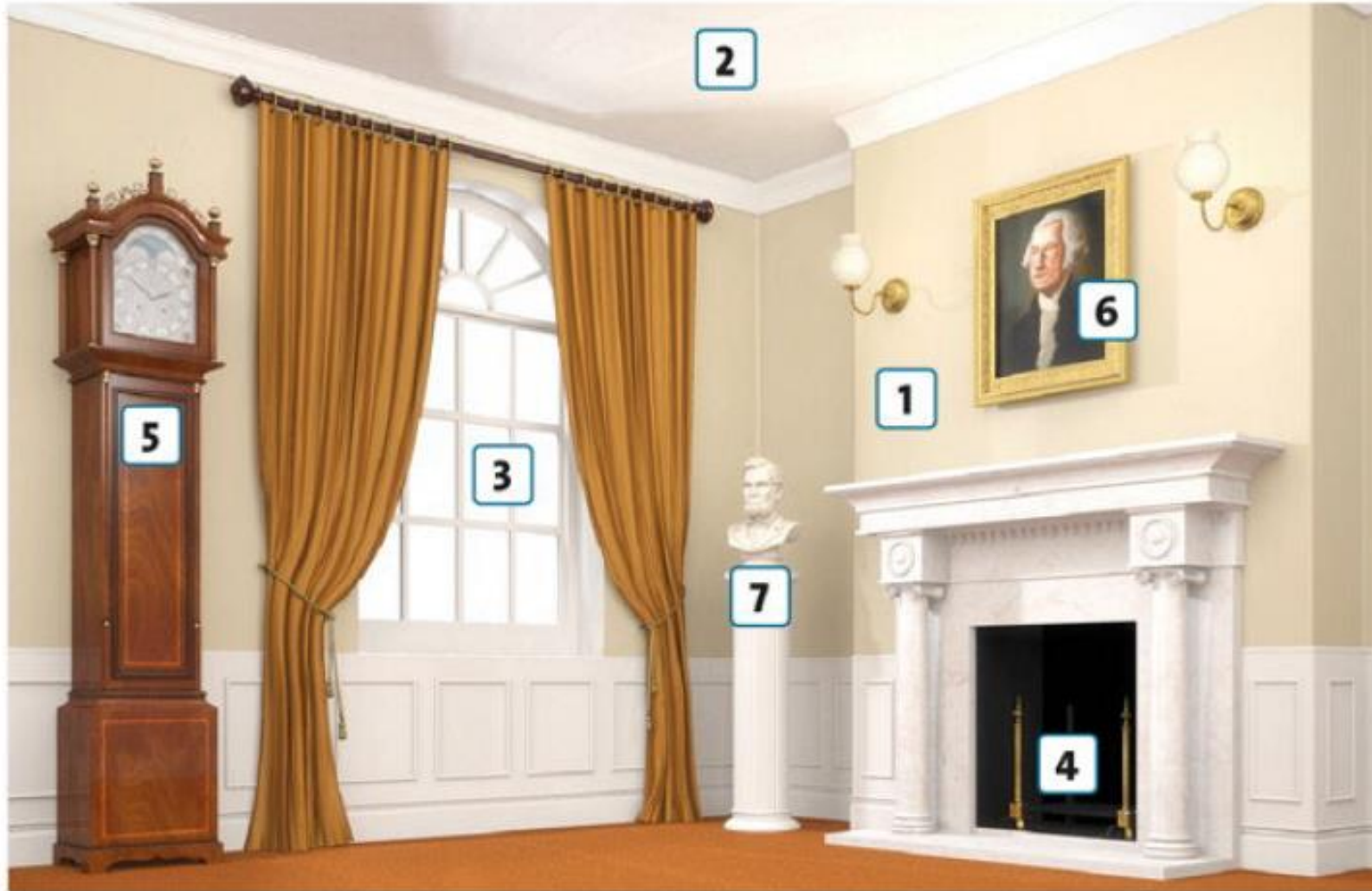
The White House has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, eight staircases, three lifts, a swimming pool, a tennis court, a jogging track and a private cinema. It receives 30,000 visitors ⁶ _____ week. While it is the home of the US president and his (or her) family, the White House is also a museum of American history.


3 Read through the information again and answer the questions.

- 1 Who decided where to build the White House?
- 2 Who was the first President to live in the White House?
- 3 When did people start calling it the White House?
- 4 How long has the Oval Office been the President's office?
- 5 What sports facilities has the White House got?
- 6 How many people visit the White House each week?


4 **VOCABULARY** Match the words below with 1–7 in the picture.

ceiling clock fireplace painting statue wall window



5  4.31 Listen to the tour guide. In what order do they visit these rooms?

the Cabinet Room the Oval Office the Roosevelt Room
the secretary's office

6  **4.31** Listen again. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is the 'Fish Room' now called?
- 2 Who changed the name of the room?
- 3 Where does the President meet with his staff?
- 4 Which room is next to the Oval Office?
- 5 Why does the tour guide mention the clock in the Oval Office?
- 6 Who chooses the paintings for the Oval Office?

7 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Imagine you can build a dream home. Read the questions and discuss your ideas.

- Where is it?
- How many rooms has it got?
- What different rooms has it got?
- What do the rooms contain?

DO YOU REMEMBER THE BLENHEIM PALACE?



**ASSIGNMENT:
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SUMMARY OF READING**

DEADLINE: SUNDAY