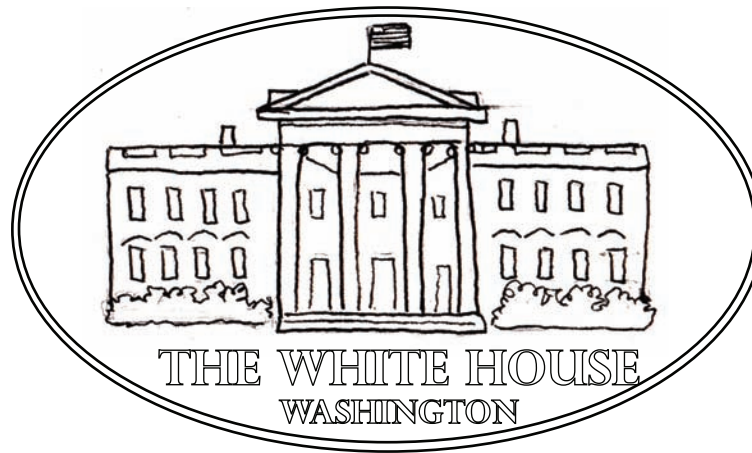


THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House is the president's home, and also a workplace for the cabinet. Before it stood at its famous address at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., the president's house was in Philadelphia, which was the temporary capital while Washington, D.C. was being built. When John Adams moved into the White House in 1800, he became the first president to live there. In 1814, British troops set fire to it during the War of 1812, and it required minor reconstruction. By the middle of the century, it became clear that the White House would have to be expanded to accommodate all of the people who worked with the President over the course of the day. President Theodore Roosevelt built an office behind the White House in 1902, with workspaces for him and his employees, now known as the West Wing. Since then, many presidents have had special rooms put into the house during their stay, such as swimming pools, bowling alleys, and gyms. The White House is open for tours, but you must arrange them through your member of Congress.



The White House in Washington, D.C.



Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you think the President needs to live in Washington, D.C.?
2. What special room would you have put into the White House if you were president?

Vocabulary

capital: a city or town that is the official home of the government. "We decided to go to the capital to see if we could find a lawmaker who would support our cause."

expand: to increase in size. "The company is expanding and will be moving into bigger offices next month."

accommodate: Make room for, or to make someone or something comfortable. "We can't accommodate your request for fifty pillows so you can make a fort in your room."