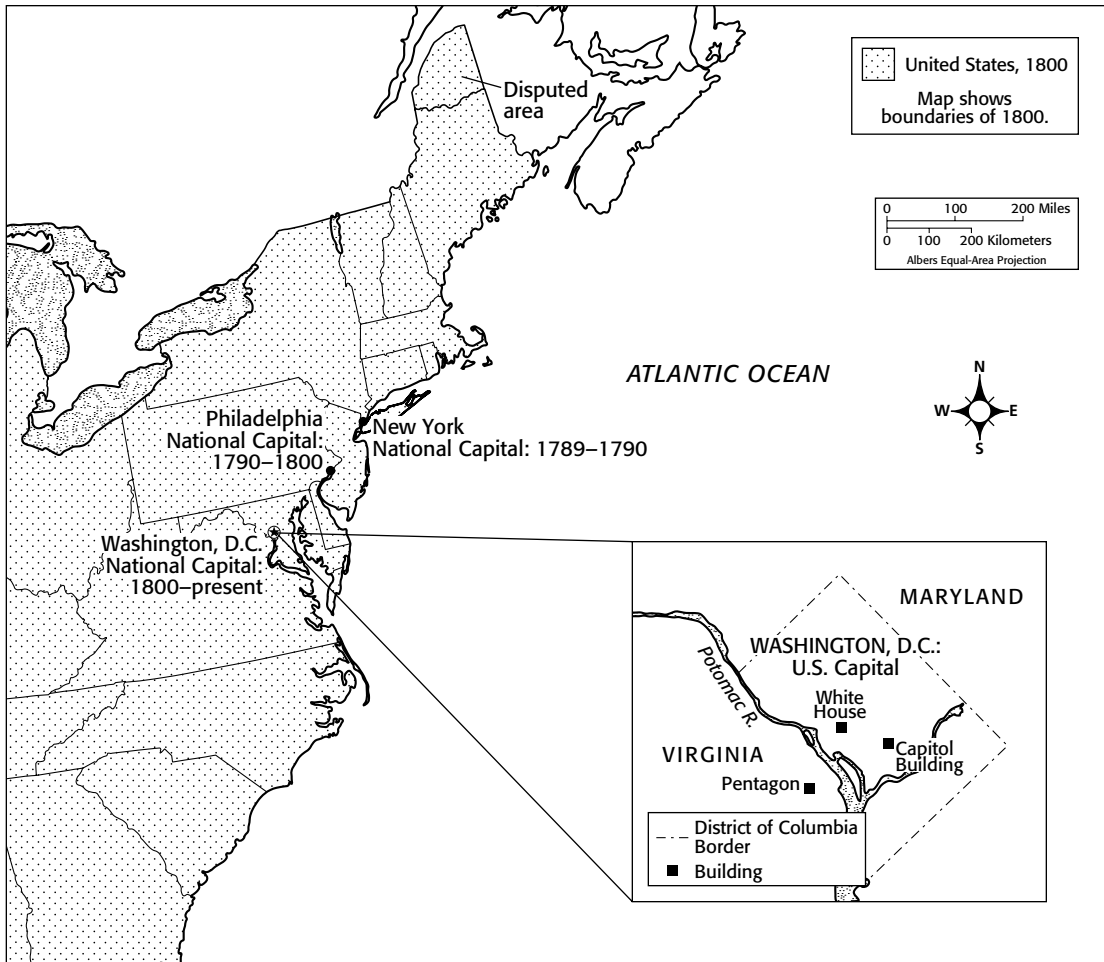


# The Nation's Capital

The map shows the sites of the U.S. capital in the past and today. The first national capital in the United States was located in New York City. But many southerners thought this location gave northern states too much power over the national government. In time, the capital was moved to Philadelphia, and later to its present location in Washington, D.C. Study the map. Then complete the activity and answer the questions on the next page.



## MAP ACTIVITY

1. Use a light color to shade the state where the first national capital was located.
2. Use a second light color to shade the state where the second national capital was located.

3. In the smaller map, use a bright color to shade the district where the nation's capital is located today.
4. Circle the location of the White House on the inset map. On the same map, draw a small flag to show the location of the Capitol building.

**ANALYZING MAPS**

1. **Location** Where was the national capital located in 1796?

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2. **Place** What river runs along the U.S. capital city today?

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3. **Sequence** In chronological order, list the three locations of the U.S. capital.

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4. **Make Inferences** Why do you think the first national capital was located in New York City?

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**EXTENSION ACTIVITY**

A French engineer named Pierre Charles L'Enfant designed the layout of the capital city of Washington, D.C. Conduct research to learn more about L'Enfant's plan for the capital city. Using your findings, make a sketch or diagram showing some of the features that L'Enfant designed for the nation's new capital city at Washington, D.C.