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## How long did it take to build mount rushmore

Image Credits: Shutterstock/Vern FaberDonald Nick Clifford was the last surviving member of the construction crew who built one of the US's great national landmarks, the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. He died in late November at a hospice in his home state of South Dakota.According to the Associated Press, Clifford was 98 when he died. He was hired to work at Mount Rushmore at the age of 17, making him the youngest person to work on the project. Clifford worked as a laborer, drilled holes in dynamite in the face of the mountain, and operated a winch that carried other workers up and down the mountain. Clifford was one of more than 400 employees who contributed to the building at Mount Rushmore. He worked at the national memorial site for three years, earning a salary of 55 cents an hour. Clifford and his wife, Carolyn, wrote a book telling their story and story at mount Rushmore construction, which was published in 2004. He would regularly return to the Mount Rushmore bookstore to sign copies. I feel like Mount Rushmore was the greatest thing I ever was involved in, Clifford said in a 2016 interview. It tells a story that never goes away – the story of how America was made and the men who helped do what it is today. The neglected field in Croaker, Virginia, is the site of a modern Eastern island that is not made up of stone Fiji gods, but 20-foot-tall presidential busts, each weighing between 11,000 and 20,000 pounds. There are 43 of them, they were created before President Obama's election all in different countries lowered. Noses cracked. Skulls caved in. Face peeling off. From George Washington to George W. Bush, photographer David Ogden has photographed all of Croaker's stone president busts. But even more interesting than Ogden's photos of Ozymandias-style visages is the story of how these busts were supposed to be in the area to begin with. As explained in this great article in Smithsonian.com, busts were originally created in 2004 by a Williamsburg area sculptor named David Adickes, who was inspired to create a statue after driving past Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. His reasoning: Why are Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt the only presidents given Rushmore's treatment? So Adickes teamed up with a local landowner named Everett Haley Newman to create Presidential Park, a tourist attraction just outside Williamsburg, aimed at giving every president, even fewer ones like Martin Van Buren, Rutherford B. Hayes, and Millard Fillmore—a chance to be immortalized as giant granite bust. The Presidential Park was opened in 2004 and closed only six years later after foreclosure was launched. Busts were going to be destroyed, but a local man named Howard Hankins, who helped build President Park, didn't think it was good that Countenances of America's presidents would be demolished by bulldozers. So he paid \$50,000 dollars to laboriously move 43 sculptures to his family farm near Croaker using cranes and flatbed trucks. Most of the damage that has happened to busts occurred in this move, although there are some exceptions: Ronald Reagan, for example, is crippled by a lightning strike. Unfortunately, you can't actually go see the president busts yourself, at least not legally. Hankins farm is officially closed to visitors, with the occasional exception going for aspiring photographers like Ogden.But if you get to see them, Ogden tells me the experience can be breathtakingly uncanny. When I first saw these 43 heads in person, I couldn't move. I think my camera even slipped out of my hands, he said. You don't have to watch them. They're watching you! All photos: David Ogden Why spend \$300 on a projector mount? Make your own under \$15Perfect Simple structure. Complicated idea. Thanx for homing. As soon as I figure out how to mount mine, I will share with. Merry christmas!!! Each year, 2 million tourists visit Mount Rushmore, a mountain sculpture of four U.S. presidents. Located near Keystone in the South Dakota Black Hills, this shrine to democracy is largely seen as a symbol of patriotism and American greatness. While the 60-foot visages of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt and the secret room that houses copies of the declaration of independence and the constitution may seem like a great place to honor the nation's independence, many Native Americans and a growing number of other concerns about social justice, this towering structure is a symbol of bigotry and oppression. Its creator, Gutzon Borglum, provided the monument in a celebration of the nation's manifesto of doom, a doctrine that says taking any land that needed U.S. expansion was not only good, but inevitable. Mount Rushmore desecrates the sacred landmount Rushmore was named after Charles E. Rushmore, a White New York City lawyer who visited the area in 1884. About a decade ago, however, Lakota medical man Nicolas Black Elk named it the Six Grandfathers after a vision of ancestral spirits that appeared to him representing six sacred directions- western, eastern, north, south, above and below. These directions were said to represent kindness and love, full of years and wisdom, just like a man's grandfathers. The six grandfathers were holy Lakota Sioux, who see the carving as desecrated. How much do you know about these important Native American traditions and beliefs? The U.S. violated the treaty with indigenous peoplesThe Black Hills, the land on which Mount Rushmore sits, was designated unfit for civilization and the Permanent State of India in 1868 in Fort Laramie The United States entered into a contract with Dakota, Lakota and Nakota, together known as the Sioux, and Arapaho. The treaty labeled Black Hills as unceded Indian territory in infinity. But when gold was found in Black Hills several years later, the U.S. broke the treaty and redrew the boundaries. The Sioux confined to the reservation. By 1875, about 800 miners and fortune-seekers had flooded the hills to pan for gold on land that was reserved by contract only for native Americans. Lakota and Cheyenne warriors attacked prospectors; these actions result in the U.S. passing a decree restricting all Lakotas, Cheyennes, and Arapahos to the reservation threatened by military action. The Supreme Court ruled the land was stolenSaury fort laramie contract has been at the center of a legal dispute for more than 120 years. In the 1980s, the Supreme Court ruled in the U.S. against Sioux Nation Indians that the land was taken illegally. A more ripe and rank case for dishonorable deals is never likely to be found in our history, the majority opinion indicated. The Supreme Court also ruled that the U.S. owes the Sioux Nation's 1877 price for the land, along with 100 years of interest, and granted more than \$100 million in reparations. The Sioux rejected the settlement in cash, arguing that the land had never been for sale. The tribe is still trying to return from the ground today. What Mount Rushmore has in common with Stone Mountain and other racist monumentsdarwin fan/Getty ImagesBeyond the land itself, the sculptor of Mount Rushmore and Stone Mountain in Georgia owes his beginnings to the same racist sculptor, Borglum, a man who expressed his solidarity with and support for white supremacy. The Joint Daughters of the Confederacy (UDOC) are responsible for most of the Confederate statues and monuments erected during the Jim Crow era. UDOC President Helen Plane believed that the KKK had rescued us from negro domination and carpetbag rule. She asked Bolgrum to honor that faith by carving a shrine south on Stone Mountain. Borglum sketched a 90-foot design that depicted Confederate leaders Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, and Stonewall Jackson on horseback. Although Borglum did not complete the Stone Mountain sculpture, his work captured the attention of a South Dakota state historian who asked Borglum to create a tourist attraction that would attract visitors to this remote location. It is wildly successful, despite being called one of the most controversial statues and monuments in the world. 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