

The Search for National Symbols

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Go to The Science Spot (<http://sciencespot.net/>) and click the Kid Zone graphic.
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Site: Ben's Guide

1. When did the US Congress pass the first Flag Act? _____
2. What do the colors of the flag represent?
White -
Red -
Blue -
3. When did the bald eagle become the national bird? _____
4. When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang? _____
5. Where is the Liberty Bell located? _____ in _____
6. Why was the Great Seal created?
7. When was the Pledge of Allegiance first published? _____ When did it receive official recognition by the Congress? _____
8. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner? _____ When did it become our national anthem? _____

Site: Our National Symbol

1. Where can you find images of bald eagles? List at least 5 examples.
2. Give three examples of phrases that refer to bald eagles.
3. Give three examples of businesses or organizations that use an eagle in their logo.
4. Which state uses an eagle as part of its seal? _____

Click “Next” to find the answers to the following questions.

1. When was the Great Seal of the United States adopted? _____
2. What is the eagle holding in its right talon? What does it signify?
3. What is the eagle holding in its left talon? What does it signify?
4. What does the motto “E pluribus Unum” mean? _____
5. How many stars can be found over the eagle’s head? _____
6. What does the pyramid on the reverse side of the Great Seal represent?
7. What do the words “Novus Ordo Seclorum” mean? _____
8. The date “1776” can be found on the Great Seal. Where is it located?

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ANSWER KEY

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1. When did the US Congress pass the first Flag Act? **June 14, 1777**
2. What do the colors of the flag represent?
White - **Purity and innocence**
Red - **Hardiness and valor**
Blue - **Vigilance, perseverance, and justice**
3. When did the bald eagle become the national bird? **1782**
4. When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang? **February 23, 1846**
5. Where is the Liberty Bell located? **Liberty Bell Pavilion in Philadelphia**
6. Why was the Great Seal created?
Delegates of the Constitutional Convention believed an emblem and national coat of arms would be evidence of an independent nation and a free people with high aspirations and grand hopes for the future.
7. When was the Pledge of Allegiance first published? **1892** When did it receive official recognition by the Congress? **1942**
8. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner? **Francis Scott Key** When did it become our national anthem? **1931**

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1. Where can you find images of bald eagles? List at least 5 examples.
Possible answers might include coins, dollar bills, postage stamps, license plates, public buildings, police badges, flag poles, Social Security cards, tax forms
2. Give three examples of phrases that refer to bald eagles.
Possible answers might include eagle-eyed, legal eagle, Eagle Scout, eagle in golf, Lone Eagle (Charles Lindbergh)
3. Give three examples of businesses or organizations that use an eagle in their logo.
Possible answers might include US Government, Philadelphia Eagles, Harley Davidson, American Airlines, National Wildlife Federation, Eagle Pointe Golf Resort
4. Which state uses an eagle as part of its seal? **Illinois**

Click “Next” to find the answers to the following questions.

1. When was the Great Seal of the United States adopted? **1782**
2. What is the eagle holding in its right talon? What does it signify?
Olive branch - symbolizes peace
3. What is the eagle holding in its left talon? What does it signify?
Thirteen arrows - represents the original colonies’ fight for liberty
4. What does the motto “E pluribus Unum” mean? **One out of many**
5. How many stars can be found over the eagle’s head? **13**
6. What does the pyramid on the reverse side of the Great Seal represent? **Permanence and strength**
7. What do the words “Novus Ordo Seclorum” mean? **New Order of the Ages**
8. The date “1776” can be found on the Great Seal. Where is it located? **At the base of the pyramid**