

American Symbols: What They Stand For

Hi Jordan! This worksheet was made just for you.

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer each question using information from the passage, and write your answers clearly.

Three Important American Symbols

A symbol is something that stands for a bigger idea or group. The United States has several well-known symbols. Three important ones are the American flag, the bald eagle, and the Liberty Bell. Each symbol helps people remember important ideas about the country.

The American flag is a cloth design used to represent the nation. It has 50 stars, and the stars stand for the 50 states. The flag also reminds people that the states are joined together as one country. People often see the flag at schools, parks, and public buildings.

The bald eagle is a large bird chosen to represent the nation. It is known for its strength and powerful flight. The eagle is used as a symbol of the United States to show courage and pride.

The Liberty Bell is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is a symbol of Liberty, which means freedom and the right to choose. When people think about the Liberty Bell, they often think about freedom for the people of the country. These symbols help tell the story of what the United States values.



Three Important American Symbols — Questions

Answer each question using details from the passage on page 1.

Example

What does the word “Liberty” mean in the passage?

Look back at the last paragraph. It says, “Liberty, which means freedom and the right to choose.”

So the answer should be written from the passage: **Liberty means freedom and the right to choose.**

1. What is a symbol?

2. How many stars are on the American flag, and what do they stand for?

3. Why is the American flag an important symbol of the United States?

4. What animal is used as a symbol of the United States?

5. According to the passage, what does the bald eagle show about the United States?

6. Where is the Liberty Bell located?

7. What does the Liberty Bell help people think about?

American Symbols: What They Stand For — Answer Key

Passage: Three Important American Symbols

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1. What is a symbol? → Something that stands for a bigger idea or group.
2. How many stars are on the American flag, and what do they stand for? → There are 50 stars, and they stand for the 50 states.
3. Why is the American flag an important symbol of the United States? → It represents the nation and reminds people that the states are joined together as one country.
4. What animal is used as a symbol of the United States? → The bald eagle.
5. According to the passage, what does the bald eagle show about the United States? → It shows courage and pride.
6. Where is the Liberty Bell located? → Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
7. What does the Liberty Bell help people think about? → Freedom and the right to choose.