



Symbols of the United States of America



The Great Seal

- It was first used in 1782
- The eagle stands for liberty
- The olive branch represents peace
- The arrows represent the power of war
- There are 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 arrows, 13 stars overhead and 13 stripes on the shield representing the first 13 colonies.



United States Flag

- Red is for bravery
- White is for purity and innocence
- Blue is for justice and perseverance
- There are 50 stars – one for each state
- There are 13 stripes – one for each of the original colonies
- It is sometimes called 'Old Glory' or 'Stars and Stripes' or the 'Star Spangled Banner'



Bald Eagle

- The Bald Eagle is the national bird of the United States of America
- It symbolizes strength, courage and freedom
- It can be seen in many places and found on the one dollar bill and the Presidential Seal



Liberty Bell

- The Liberty Bell stands as a symbol of American freedom
- It can be found in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- It rang when congress signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776
- It weighs about 2000 pounds
- The bell cracked, was fixed and then cracked again in 1846.



Statue of Liberty

- She was a gift from France and stands on Liberty Island in New York harbor
- She is 151 feet tall and was built in France and then brought to America in parts.
- Also called 'Lady Liberty' she represented hope and freedom to those who came here from other countries



Washington Monument

- It was built to honor the first President of the United States, George Washington
- It is 552 feet tall
- There are 50 flags around the monument that represent the 50 states
- It's image is mirrored in the reflecting pool



Lincoln Memorial

- It was built to honor the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln
- It is found in Potomac Park across from the Washington Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- It is pictured on the back of the penny and the five dollar bill
- The 36 columns represent the 36 states of the Union at the time of President Lincoln's death



Mount Rushmore

- Features the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln
- It is found in the Black Hills of South Dakota
- The faces are 60 feet high, the height of a six-story building
- It took 14 years and 400 men to carve the mountain



The White House

- It is the home of the President
- It is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.
- George Washington is the only President who never lived there.
- The President's office is called the 'Oval Office'
- There are 132 rooms and 35 bathrooms





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