

## Symbols of the United States

# Proud to Be American

## How many U.S. symbols can you name?

A symbol is an object or sign that stands for something else. Read about some famous U.S. symbols that stand for our freedom.

### Statue of Liberty



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The Statue of Liberty is located on an island in New York Harbor. The statue is made of copper. That is one of the metals used to make the penny. The Statue of Liberty is also known as "Lady Liberty."

# Liberty Bell



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The Liberty Bell hangs in a museum in Pennsylvania. Soon after the bell was made, it cracked. People tried to fix the bell, but it cracked again. Many people visit the bell to see the crack that made it famous.

# Bald Eagle



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The bald eagle is our national bird. It is a living symbol of our country. The bald eagle is a symbol of strength and freedom. The bird is not actually

bald. Long ago, the word *bald* meant "white."

## American Flag

This red, white, and blue symbol is well-known. It is the American flag. The 50 stars stand for the 50 states. The 13 stripes stand for the 13 original colonies. The flag is also known as "Old Glory."

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1.** Describe what symbol is also known as "Lady Liberty."

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**2.** Which U.S. symbol is a living symbol of our country?

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**3.** According to the article, what symbol is well-known and made up of three colors?

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**4.** What is this passage mostly about?

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5. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The number of stars on the American flag is fifty \_\_\_\_\_ that is how many states there are in the US.

- A. but
- B. because
- C. so

6. Which picture is NOT of a symbol of the United States?

