



# American Symbols

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## Introduction

Students will identify important American symbols and explain their meaning. They will do this by watching a video and playing an American symbol card game.

## Learning Objectives

[CCS.ELA-Literacy.W.1.8](#); Students will be able to identify important American symbols, such as the American flag, Statue of Liberty, Bald Eagle, Mount Rushmore, etc.

## Materials Needed

- [American symbols video](#)
- [American symbols coloring pages](#)
- [American symbol picture cards](#)

## Procedure

Ask students if they know what a symbol is. Then, ask them if they can name any American symbols. Tell students that they are going to be learning about the most important symbols in the United States. Next, discuss how a symbol is something that represents something else.

### Activity 1: American symbols

1. Lead a discussion about the most important American symbols. Name and show pictures of the Bald Eagle, American flag, Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, Liberty Bell, and the Lincoln Memorial.
2. Next, show students one picture card at a time and ask them if they can name what the symbol is and what it means.

### Activity 2: American symbols video

Show students the short video on American symbols. After they watch the video, ask students if they learned about any new American symbols that they didn't discuss before watching the video. Then, discuss the new symbols students learned about, going through each one and discussing the symbol and its meaning.

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## Activity 3: Symbol picture card game

1. Divide students into pairs and give each pair a set of picture cards. Choose only the symbols you want students to focus on.
2. Next, instruct students to take turns holding up a symbol and seeing if their partner can identify it and explain what it is and what it means.

**Extension activity:** Have students color the American symbols (using the link above).

## Evaluation

**Exit ticket** - Call students up to your desk one at a time and show them the American symbol picture cards and have them name each one along with a fact.