

# American symbols

Draw a line from each symbol to what it is.

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The flag



The national anthem, written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.



The bald eagle



The national flower.



The Great Seal



The national mammal.



The Star-Spangled Banner



Its stripes stand for the 13 original colonies, and its stars for the 50 states.



In God we trust



The national tree, which grows from an acorn.



The rose



The national bird since 2024, and the national emblem since 1782.



The oak



The national motto, printed on coins and bills.



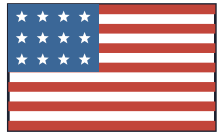
The bison



Used on treaties, with the motto E Pluribus Unum, "out of many, one".

# American symbols: answer key

Eight symbols of the United States and what each stands for.



## The flag

13 red and white stripes for the 13 original colonies, and 50 white stars on blue for the 50 states. Red stands for valor and bravery, white for purity and innocence, blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice.



## The bald eagle

The national emblem since 1782, on the Great Seal and on coins and bills. A law of 2024 made it the national bird.



## The Great Seal

Used on treaties and other official papers since 1782: a bald eagle with an olive branch, arrows and a shield, under stars, with the motto E Pluribus Unum, "out of many, one".



## The Star-Spangled Banner

The national anthem since 1931. Francis Scott Key wrote it in 1814, near Fort McHenry in Maryland, during the War of 1812.



## In God we trust

The national motto since 1956, printed on all coins and bills.



## The rose

The national floral emblem since 1986.



## The oak

The national tree since 2004. Oaks, which grow from acorns, are found in all 50 states.



## The bison

The North American bison, the national mammal since 2016.