

American Symbols



There are many symbols that represent the United States of America. Here are some of the most popular ones.

--> **TASK :** Match each symbol with the right number of picture and then with the right description as in the example for the Great Seal of the USA

the US Capitol -->

the Statue of Liberty (a gift from France) -->

the bald eagle (our national bird) -->

the Stars and Stripes -->

the Empire State Building -->

Mount Rushmore (on a mountain in South Dakota) -->

the Liberty Bell -->

the Great Seal of the USA --> **3 a**

the White House -->

What is the correct definition of each symbol?

a) It represents an American eagle with a ribbon in its beak. The bird is holding an olive branch (symbolizing peace) and 13 arrows (for the original 13 colonies and the necessity of war to protect the country). A shield is in front of the eagle.

b) It is the official residence of the President of the United States of America. It is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., the capital city of the USA.

c) It is a big mountain sculpture of four US Presidents, located in South Dakota. The Presidents depicted are: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. The work was designed by the sculptor John Gutzon Borglum

d) It is a huge bronze bell that symbolizes freedom (= liberty) in the United States of America.

e) It is a huge sculpture that is located on Liberty Island in New York. The real name of the statue is "Liberty Enlightening the World."

f) This bird is native from North America ; it has been the national symbol of the USA since 1782.

g) Americans do the Pledge of Allegiance facing it. They display and honour it much more than French people do.

h) This building houses* the United States Congress (a part of the Government) ; It is in Washington DC. (* ici, il s'agit du verbe 'to house' à la 3è personne du singulier: abriter)

i) This building was built in 1931 and was the highest skyscraper in the world until 1972