Pride in Our Nation

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OBJECTIVES

At the end of this PowerPoint lesson, ALL students will be able to:

1. Explain all National Symbols of The Bahamas.
2. Recite the National Anthem and Pledge.
3. State who wrote the National Anthem and Pledge.
4. State who designed the National Coat of Arms.
5. Evaluate the importance of our National Symbols and their meanings.

Symbols

Symbols are important because they:

- Identify countries and their people
- Represent a country

Symbols may be an:

Symbols

Object

Mace- represents the power of the Speaker of the House

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Symbols

A Picture

Coat of Arms

Symbols

A Word

Bahamas Motto:
"FORWARD, UPWARD, ONWARD, TOGETHER"

Symbols

Or a person

Sir Cornelius A. Smith
Governor-General of The Bahamas

Symbols

Respect for symbols shows:

- Loyalty
- Devotion
- Patriotism

To your country

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Symbols

The National Symbols of The Bahamas are important because:

- They represent our history, culture, flora and fauna.
- They help to unite Bahamians.
- They encourage Bahamians to be proud.
- They inspire Bahamians to excel.

NATIONAL SYMBOLS OF THE BAHAMAS

The National Tree

Also known as "The Tree of Life"

The Lignum Vitae

The National Flower

The Yellow Elder

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The National Fish

Popular with sport fishing around Bimini and Cat Cay.

The Blue Marlin

The National Bird
The Pink Flamingo

Even though a lot of these birds could be found on Inagua, quite a few could also be found on Acklins. A few are on New Providence as well at Adastra Gardens.

The National Coat of Arms

Designed By:
Dr. Hervis Bain

Some places where the Coat of Arms is used:

- By the Governor General's office
- By the Prime Minister's office
- On driver's licenses
- On the front of a Bahamian passport

The National Coat of Arms

Items	Significance
National Motto	Describes the aims of the Bahamian people
Blue Marlin	National fish
Palm Fonds	Natural vegetation
Sun	A natural resource
Flamingo	National Bird
Sea	Waters of The Bahamas
Conch Shell	Marine life
Royal Helmet	Ruled by royalty
Santa Maria (also the Pinta and Nina are in the background).	Columbus's flagship; the first European to visit The Bahamas

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The National Motto

Found on The National Coat of Arms. Its purpose is to inspire Bahamians to work together for a better future.

The National Motto

The first Bahamian motto was:

"Expulsis, Piratis, Restituta Commercia"

"Pirates Expelled, Commerce Restored"

Is out-of-date because there are no more pirates in The Bahamas today.

The National Flag

- **Black**- represents the strength and determination of the people to develop the rich resources of the land
- **Gold**-represents the blazing sun
- **Aquamarine**-represents the sea

To show respect, the national flag should never be flown after sunset.

The National Flag

The flag is flown at Government House, at the United Nations, at many business places throughout The Bahamas, and at our embassies in foreign countries.

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The National Anthem

Written by:
Timothy Gibson

March On Bahamaland

The National Anthem

- People should stand to attention when the national anthem is played. Standing at attention shows respect and patriotism.
- It encourages Bahamians to be proud.
- It inspires Bahamians to excel, to love each other, and to work together towards a higher goal.

The National Song

God Bless Our Sunny Clime

Music by Timothy Gibson and Clement Bethel Words by Rev. Philip Rahming

God Bless our sunny clime, spur us to height sublime.
To keep men free, let brothers, sisters stand
Firm, trusting hand in hand, throughout Bahamaland
One brotherhood, one brotherhood.
Let gratefulness ascend, courageous deeds extend
From isle to isle. Long let us treasure peace,
So may our lives increase, our prayers never cease.
Let freedom ring! Let freedom ring!
The long, long night has passed, the morning breaks at last,
From shore to shore, sunrise with golden gleam
Sons n' daughters, share the dream, for one working team
One brotherhood, one brotherhood.
Not for this time nor for this chosen few alone
We pledge ourselves: Live loyal to our God.
Love country, friend and foe, oh help us by thy might!
Great God our King! Great God our King!

The National Pledge of Allegiance

Rev. Philip Rahming

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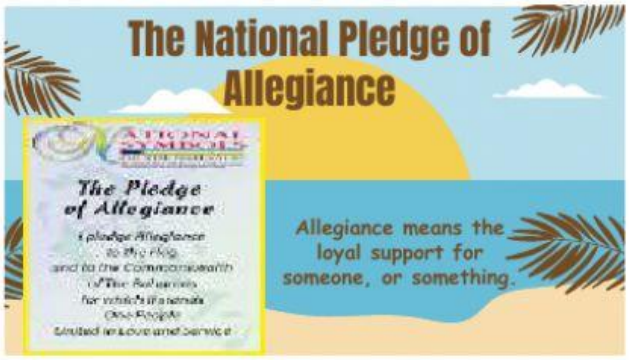

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