

## American Symbols



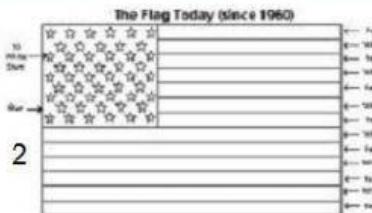
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There are many symbols that represent the United States of America. Here are some of the most popular ones.

--> **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?

- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- It is a huge bronze bell that symbolizes freedom (= liberty) in the United States of America.
- 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."
- This bird is native from North America ; it has been the national symbol of the USA since 1782.
- Americans do the Pledge of Allegiance facing it. They display and honour it much more than French people do.
- 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 3<sup>e</sup> personne du singulier: abriter)
- This building was built in 1931 and was the highest skyscraper in the world until 1972