The Symbols of Our Nation

independent – able to exist on its own

national anthem – a song of loyalty to one's country

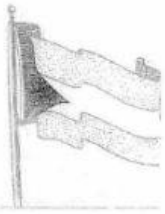
The Bahamas has been an **independent** country since **July 1973**. We rule ourselves. We have our own **national anthem**. "***March on Bahama Land***" it was written by Mr. Timothy Gibson.

The **Coat of Arm** is a composition of things indigenous to these islands. The preliminary design of the coat of arms was prepared by Bahamian artist **Dr. Hervis Bain.**

Dr. Hervis Bain also designed The Bahamas' flag. A black equilateral triangle on the left represents the **unity** and **determination** of the people of the Bahamas. The two aquamarine stripes at the top and bottom of the flag representing **the sea** and one gold stripe representing **the land**

March On, Bahamaland

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;
March on to glory, your bright banners waving high;
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!
Pledge to excel through love and unity.
Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;
Steady sunward, though the weather hide the wide and treach'rous shoal,
Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;
'Til the road you've trod
Lead unto your God,
March on, Bahamaland!



Our national flag



our national bird



our coat of arms



Our national flower



our national tree



our national fish

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Date: _____

Circle the letter to answer the questions.

1. The name of our national fish is (1)
   a. blue marlin b. yellow elder

2. The Bahamas became an independent country on (1)
   a. July 10, 1973 b. July 10, 1993

3. The name of our national anthem is (1)
   a. coat of arms b. "March on Bahama Land"

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. What is the meaning of independent? (2)

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5. What is a national anthem? (2)

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6. What are the colours in our national flag? (3)

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7. Who wrote the National Anthem? [1]

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8. What do the things in the Coat of Arms means? Who helped design the Coat of Arms? [2]

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