

The Symbols of Our Nation

independent – able to exist on its own

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

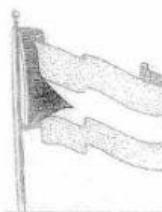
The Bahamas has been an **independent** country since **July 1973**. We rule ourselves. We have our own **national anthem**. "*March on Bahama Land*" it was written by Mr. Timothy Gibson.

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

Date: _____

Circle the letter to answer the questions.

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)

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

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]