

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL AMERICAN SYMBOLS AND CELEBRATIONS LESSON ANSWER KEY

Important Symbols in Our Lives

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Talk with your classmates about U.S. symbols and make a list of those symbols together. For each symbol, discuss where you have seen it and what you think of when you see it. Write your answers in the boxes. Then discuss your ideas with your classmates.

Symbol that represents the United States	Where have you seen this symbol?	What do you think of when you see this symbol?
<u>Statue of Liberty</u>		
<u>White House</u>		
<u>Bald Eagle</u>		
<u>Uncle Sam</u>		

The American Flag

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Answer these Civics Test questions.

- Why does the flag have 13 stripes? because there were 13 original colonies; because the stripes represent the original colonies
- Why does the flag have 50 stars? because there is one star for each state; because each star represents a state; because there are 50 states

Pledge of Allegiance

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Answer this Civics Test question.

- What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? the United States; the flag

Our National Anthem

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Answer this Civics Test question.

- What is the name of the national anthem? The Star-Spangled Banner

The Statue of Liberty

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Answer this Civics Test question.

- Where is the Statue of Liberty? New York (Harbor); Liberty Island; [Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).]

National U.S. Holidays

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Look at the list of national U.S. holidays below. Which person or event do Americans commemorate when we celebrate these holidays?

New Year's Day The New Year

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Martin Luther King, Jr.

Presidents' Day George Washington and other presidents

Memorial Day Men and women who died in military service to the United States

Independence Day Adoption of the Declaration of Independence

Labor Day Workers' contributions to the United States

Columbus Day Christopher Columbus

Veterans Day Veterans of all wars in which the United States has fought

Thanksgiving The first Thanksgiving when the Pilgrims and Native Americans feasted together

Christmas A Christian holiday marking the birth of Jesus

Answer these Civics Test questions.

1. When do we celebrate Independence Day? July 4
 2. Name two national U.S. holidays. New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas
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Civics Test Questions—American Symbols and Celebrations

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Read the test questions and write the answers. Take turns practicing them with your partner.

1. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? the United States; the flag
2. Where is the Statue of Liberty? New York (Harbor); Liberty Island; [Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).]
3. Why does the flag have 13 stripes? because there were 13 original colonies; because the stripes represent the original colonies
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7. Name two national U.S. holidays. New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas