Stories in Symbols

Read about places and symbols that matter to our country.

2.SS.4.4 "Identify and examine the significance of well-known national symbols and landmarks, including The White House, the flag, the Statue of Liberty, and the bald eagle."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the first mention of each national symbol or landmark. Underline a detail that shows why each one matters or what it stands for.

A Parade of Symbols

1. At a school parade, Maya spots the U.S. flag. Its stars stand for the states. Its stripes stand for the first 13 colonies. The flag helps people feel part of one country. Maya sees a picture of the White House, too.

2. That house is where the president lives and works. The president leads the country. Far away in New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty holds a torch. The statue stands for freedom and welcomes people who arrive in the United States.

3. Maya sees a bald eagle fly above the parade. The bald eagle is a symbol of the United States. It stands for strength and freedom. Maya notices that a building, a statue, a bird, and a flag can each tell a story about our country.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is the White House an important place?

2. What does the Statue of Liberty stand for, and who does it welcome?

3. What does the bald eagle stand for?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A new student sees a U.S. flag at school. Write two sentences to explain what its stars and stripes stand for and why the flag can help people feel connected.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the first mention of each national symbol or landmark. Underline a detail that shows why each one matters or what it stands for. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the White House an important place?	**The president lives and works there.**
2	What does the Statue of Liberty stand for, and who does it welcome?	**It stands for freedom and welcomes people who arrive in the United States.**
3	What does the bald eagle stand for?	**Strength and freedom.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The flag's stars stand for the states, and its stripes stand for the first 13 colonies. The flag can help people feel connected because they are part of one country.

For the marking job, accept details about each symbol's meaning or importance. For Your Turn, look for both flag details and an explanation of how the flag connects people.