

Symbols Tell Stories

Identify state and national symbols.

2.11.D "identify symbols such as state and national birds and flowers and Uncle Sam; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each different symbol name. Write S beside Texas symbols and N beside United States symbols.

Symbols Around Us

- ① Symbols can help people recognize a state or a country. Texas has a state bird called the mockingbird. Its state flower is the bluebonnet. These symbols help tell something important about Texas and the people who live there.
- ② The United States also has national symbols. The bald eagle is the national bird, and the rose is the national flower. You may see a bald eagle on a seal or a rose in a garden, but each one can stand for the country.
- ③ Uncle Sam is another national symbol. He is a made-up character often shown as an older man with a tall hat. When people see Uncle Sam on a poster, they can think about the United States.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

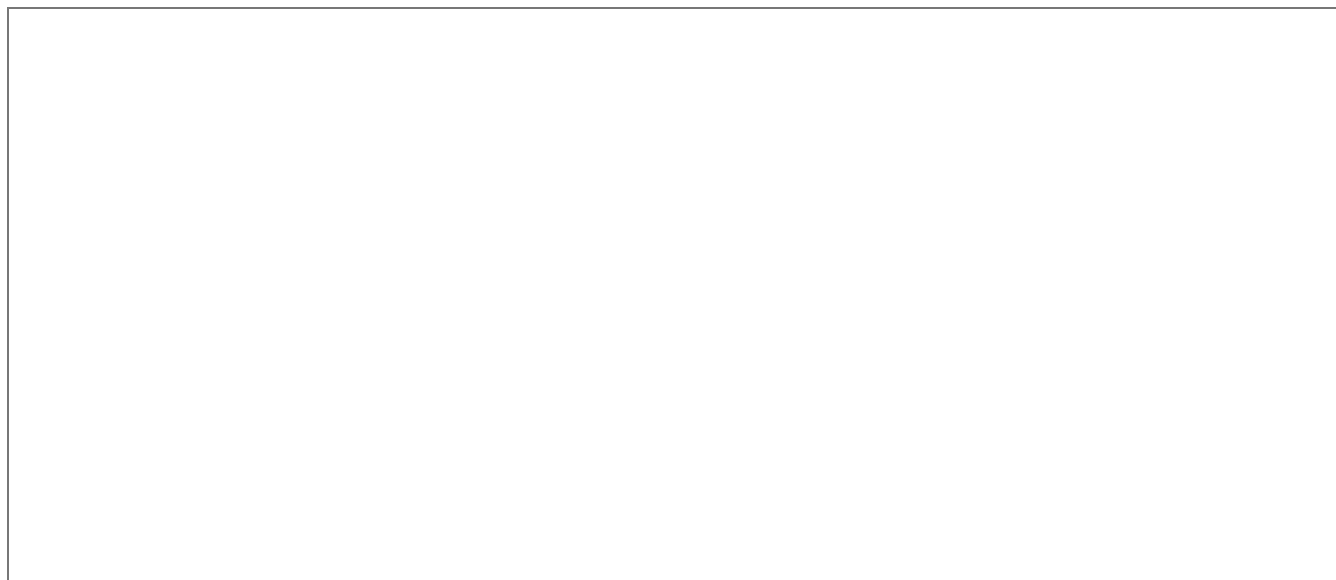
1 What is the state bird of Texas?

2 What is the national flower of the United States?

3 Which national symbol is a made-up character?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Draw one symbol from the passage that you did not use in your answers to Questions 1–3. Label your drawing, then write one sentence telling whether it is a state or national symbol and what it represents.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each different symbol name. Write S beside Texas symbols and N beside United States symbols. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the state bird of Texas?	The mockingbird.
2	What is the national flower of the United States?	The rose.
3	Which national symbol is a made-up character?	Uncle Sam.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: A bluebonnet labeled "bluebonnet." It is a state symbol that represents Texas.

Accept a labeled drawing of the bluebonnet or bald eagle, since these symbols are not answers to Questions 1–3. The sentence should correctly identify it as a state or national symbol and name Texas or the United States.