

Symbols Tell Stories

Read how national symbols share important ideas.

2.4.b “explaining the meaning behind symbols including, but not limited to the American flag, bald eagle, Washington Monument, Liberty Bell, and Statue of Liberty; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each national symbol in the passage. Circle the words that tell what each symbol stands for.

Special American Symbols

- ① Countries use symbols to share big ideas. A symbol can be a flag, a building, a bell, or an animal. In the United States, these special objects remind people about freedom, courage, history, and the nation’s hopes.
- ② The American flag has stars and stripes. It stands for the United States and its people. The bald eagle is the national bird. Its strong flight and sharp eyes have come to stand for strength, courage, and freedom.
- ③ The Washington Monument honors George Washington, the first president. The Liberty Bell reminds people of freedom and the fight for independence. The Statue of Liberty welcomes people and stands for freedom, hope, and a chance to begin again.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

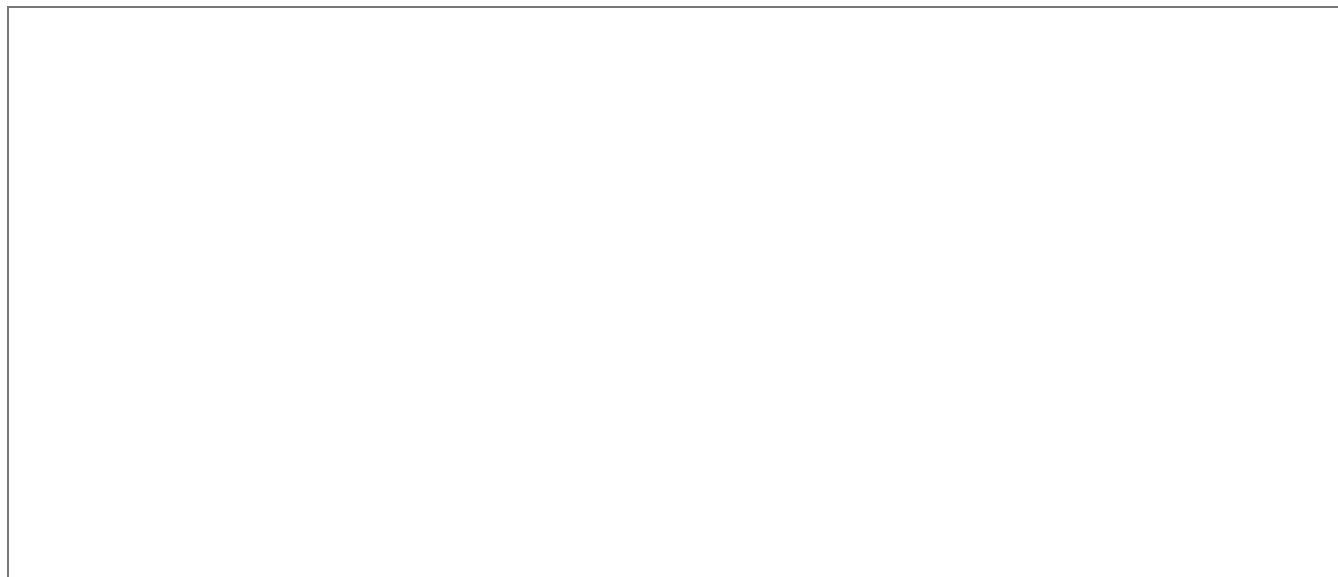
1 Name two symbols in the passage that stand for freedom.

2 What does the Washington Monument honor?

3 How does the Statue of Liberty show hope for people?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Draw a symbol for your classroom in the box. Write two sentences that tell what it stands for and why the object fits your classroom.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each national symbol in the passage. Circle the words that tell what each symbol stands for. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two symbols in the passage that stand for freedom.	Accept any two: the bald eagle, the Liberty Bell, and the Statue of Liberty.
2	What does the Washington Monument honor?	It honors George Washington, the first president.
3	How does the Statue of Liberty show hope for people?	It welcomes people and stands for freedom, hope, and a chance to begin again.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: a book with a bright lamp. It stands for learning. Books and light help us understand new ideas.

Accept the three freedom symbols named in the passage for Question 1. For Your Turn, accept any sensible classroom symbol with two sentences that explain its meaning and why it fits.