

Symbols Tell Stories

Read closely to find what important places and symbols mean.

2.4 “The student will apply history and social science skills to recognize state and national symbols including, but not limited to locating the Virginia and United States capitals and capitol buildings...”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every symbol. Circle words that tell what a symbol means or where a capitol building is.

Places and Symbols

- ① Virginia is a state. Its capital is Richmond. The Virginia State Capitol is in Richmond, where state leaders meet and make laws. The United States capital is Washington, D.C. The United States Capitol is where national leaders meet and make laws.
- ② The American flag has 50 stars, one for each state. Its 13 stripes stand for the first 13 colonies. The flag can remind people that the states are joined as one country.
- ③ The Pledge of Allegiance says we are loyal to the flag and the United States. The national anthem is a song about the flag. A bald eagle stands for freedom. The Liberty Bell and Statue of Liberty remind us of freedom. Washington Monument honors George Washington.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

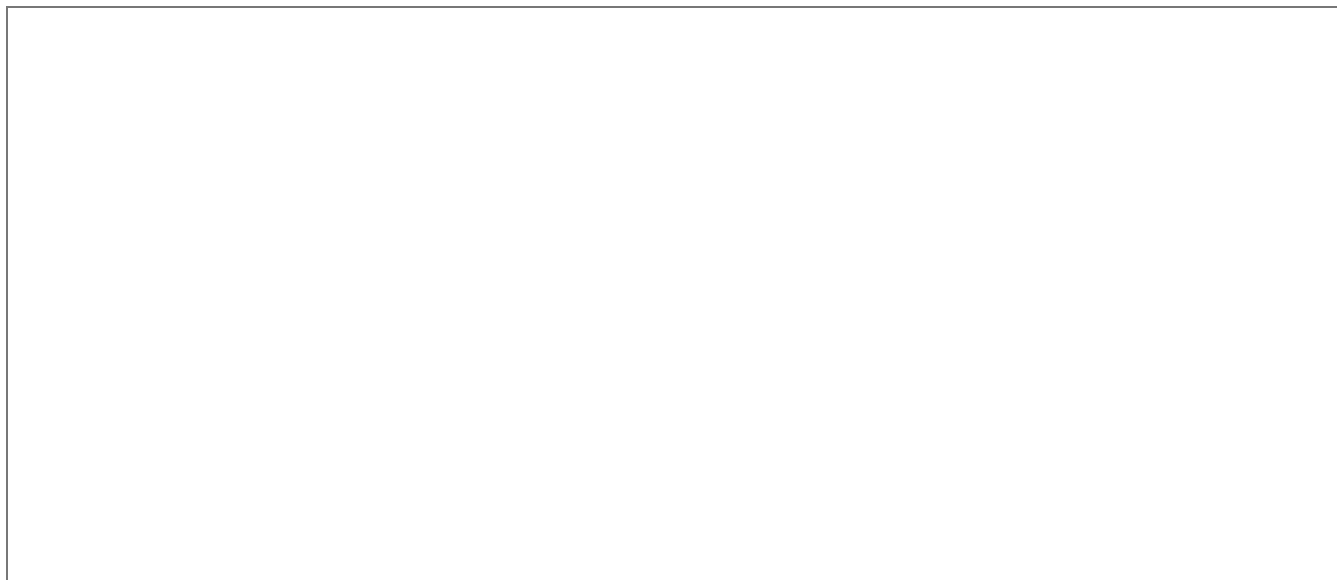
1 Where are the Virginia State Capitol and the United States Capitol?

2 What do the stars and stripes on the American flag stand for?

3 What does the bald eagle stand for, and whom does the Washington Monument honor?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose the Liberty Bell or the Statue of Liberty. Draw it in the box, then write one sentence telling what it reminds people of.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every symbol. Circle words that tell what a symbol means or where a capitol building is. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where are the Virginia State Capitol and the United States Capitol?	The Virginia State Capitol is in Richmond. The United States Capitol is in Washington, D.C.
2	What do the stars and stripes on the American flag stand for?	The 50 stars stand for the states. The 13 stripes stand for the first 13 colonies.
3	What does the bald eagle stand for, and whom does the Washington Monument honor?	The bald eagle stands for freedom. The Washington Monument honors George Washington.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing: a large bell with a crack. Sentence: The Liberty Bell reminds people of freedom.

Accept a drawing of either the Liberty Bell or the Statue of Liberty. The sentence should accurately say that the chosen symbol reminds people of freedom.