



SHOW YOU KNOW STATE AND NATIONAL SYMBOLS

Learning Objectives: The students will...

1. Identify important state and national patriotic symbols.

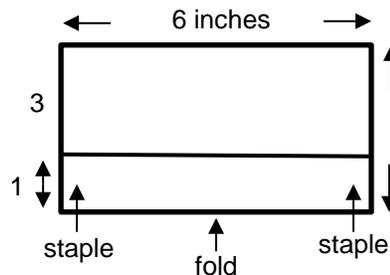
TEKS: 1.13A&C, 2.1B, 2.11C

Materials Needed: Class sets of the State and National Symbols Cards, a 4" x 6" index card for each student, staples/glue, one copy of the State and National Symbols Questions handout.

Teaching Strategy:

1. This game may serve as a culminating activity or review for students who have studied state and/or national symbols. Teachers may choose the specific state or national symbol cards that are taught at their grade level. NOTE—The last two cards on the State and National Symbols Cards (Lincoln Memorial and Texas State Seal) are extra cards that may be used as decoy cards, if desired. There are no game questions that pertain to them.
2. Explain that the class is going to play a game called Show You Know. During the game, students will review their knowledge of state and national symbols.
3. Give each student a 4" x 6" index card. The card should be placed in the landscape position. Instruct students to fold one of the long sides up one inch to form a pocket. Staple or glue the outer edges of the one-inch pocket.

Diagram of Game Pocket



4. Provide each student with a set of the (teacher-selected) state and/or national symbols cards. Students should spread the cards out on their desks, face up, so that they can view each individual card.
5. To play the game, the teacher should read a question from the State and National Symbols Questions handout. Students will respond by putting the appropriate symbol card in their Game Pocket. After allowing time for students to insert the correct symbol card, the teacher should announce to students, "Show You Know." Students should raise their Game Pocket in the air. The teacher can easily check the accuracy of the whole class in a few seconds. (Points may be awarded for correct answers, if desired.)
6. Alternative Teaching Strategy
 - a. Students can play State and/or National Symbols Concentration.
 - b. Prepare class sets of the selected state and/or national symbols cards. Each pair of students will need two copies of each picture card, whether using the state and/or national symbols.
 - c. Have the students shuffle the cards and then place them in rows face down on their desk, the floor, or on a table. Students should take turns turning over any two cards. If they get a match, they should leave the picture cards face up and may have an extra turn. If the cards do not match, they should turn the cards back over and play rotates to the next player. The student with the most matches wins.

Extension for Gifted/Talented:

1. Preceding this activity, the teacher should gather objects, recyclables, and/or art supplies that could be used to build a monument such as marker caps, construction paper, clay, popsicle sticks, pieces of cardboard or wood, paper clips, yarn, styrofoam, etc.
2. Working in pairs or larger groups, ask students to decide on a person at the local, state, or national level that they believe should be honored with a monument. The person can be from the past or present and must have contributed in a positive way in their community or nation.
3. Have students brainstorm a list of characteristics that represent the person they chose to honor. Students should analyze how these characteristics might be symbolized in their monument. Allow students enough time to build their monument from available materials and have them write an accompanying paragraph that describes the symbolism and ideas represented by the monument.

STATE AND NATIONAL SYMBOLS QUESTIONS

1. What is the state bird of Texas? (Mockingbird)
2. What is the national motto that appears on all coins of the United States? (In God We Trust)
3. What is the national flower? (Rose)
4. What was a special gift from the people of France to the United States and sits on an island in a harbor in New York City? (Statue of Liberty)
5. What banner represents the Lone Star State? (Texas State Flag)
6. Where was an important battle for Texas independence fought? (Alamo)
7. What is the national bird? (Bald Eagle)
8. What is the state flower of Texas? (Bluebonnet)
9. What national symbol was used to announce special events and cracked? (Liberty Bell)
10. What national symbol is known as "Old Glory" and represents the original 13 colonies as well as the 50 states? (U.S. Flag)
11. What is the state motto of Texas? (Friendship)
12. What national symbol appeared on recruiting posters during World War I and II? (Uncle Sam)
13. What is the monument that honors the first President of the United States? (Washington Monument)
14. Where does the President of the United States live and work? (White House)

SHOW YOU KNOW STATE AND NATIONAL SYMBOLS CARDS

