


AMERICAN SYMBOLS AND HOLIDAYS

There are many things that are symbols of America. There are also holidays that Americans celebrate every year.

Holidays:

Name of the Holiday	What does this holiday celebrate?
President's Day	The president of the U.S.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	The work and life of Martin Luther King, Jr. He worked for civil rights for African Americans
Labor Day	Working people
Memorial Day	Those who have died in past wars
Veteran's Day	Honors those who served in the armed forces
Fourth of July	Independence of the country from Great Britain. It is the "birthday" of the nation.
Columbus Day	Christopher Columbus discovered the New World in 1492.
Thanksgiving	Harvest festival between Pilgrims and Native Americans



PREVIEW

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Symbols:

Name of the Symbol	What does this symbol represent? Why is it important?
U.S. flag	There are 50 white stars on the flag. This is for the 50 states. The 13 red stripes are for the 13 original colonies. It is sometimes called the "Stars and Stripes."
Statue of Liberty	The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France. It is in New York Harbor. This "lady of hope" has been a welcome sign for immigrants.

Bald Eagle	The bald eagle is a symbol of strength and courage.
Liberty Bell	The Liberty Bell is in Philadelphia. This bell was rung when the Declaration of Independence was read for the first time.
Declaration of Independence	This U.S. document talks about "unalienable rights." These rights are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."
U.S. Constitution	This is a guide for how to run the U.S. government. It begins: "We the People..." It has a Bill of Rights.
National Anthem	The "Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key. It begins, "Oh say, can you see..."
The Pledge of Allegiance	Many school children begin the Pledge to the



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Try This!

Circle important national holidays.

Mother's Day

Thanksgiving

Friendship Day

Fourth of July

8th of July

Harriet Tubman Day

Draw an X through pictures that are *not* important American symbols.



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First Lines:

Draw lines to connect each document with its first line.

U.S. Constitution

I pledge allegiance...

Star Spangled Banner

We the people...

Pledge of Allegiance

Oh say, can you see...

True or False?

There are 10 "unalienable rights" talked about in the Declaration of Independence. **T / F**

Memorial Day celebrates all working people. **T / F**