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America's Bird

Long ago, our leaders chose the bald eagle as a symbol of America.

The bald eagle is free and strong, just like our country.

My name _____

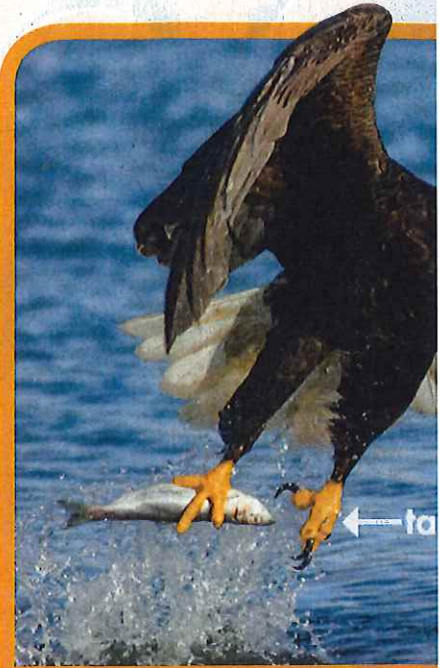
An American



It stands for freedom.

A bald eagle is free to fly where it wants. It flies high over forests and lakes. It makes nests high up in trees.

Long ago, our leaders wanted America to be free. We fought a war against England and its king. We won! We were free to make our own laws.



It stands for strength.

A bald eagle is big and strong. It can crush things with its talons. It can grab fish right out of the water.

Long ago, our leaders wanted America to be big and strong. At that time, there were only 13 states. Now, we have 50 states and are even stronger.

Where Can You See an Eagle?



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Symbol

A symbol is something that stands for something else.



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It stands for long life.

A bald eagle has a long life. A baby eagle is called an **eaglet**. An eagle can live for more than 20 years in the wild. That's a long time for a bird!

Long ago, our leaders wanted America to last a long time. Our country is now more than 240 years old.



on the seal of
the president








on
mailboxes

More American Symbols

Read the chart about other American symbols.

Then fill in the bubbles for the correct answers.

Symbol	Fun Fact
 <p>Statue of Liberty</p>	<p>The statue used to be the color of a penny. Over time, it turned green!</p> 
 <p>bison</p>	<p>One bison can weigh as much as 10 refrigerators!</p> 
 <p>American flag</p>	<p>Our flag has 50 stars. There's one star for every state in our country.</p>

1. Which symbol changed color over time?

☐ Statue of Liberty

☐ American flag

☐ bison

2. A bison can weigh as much as 10 _____.

☐ pennies

☐ refrigerators

☐ flags

3. Which symbol is red, white, and blue?

☐ Statue of Liberty

☐ American flag

☐ bison

★ Bonus

Read the fun fact about the American flag again. How many states does our country have?