



# US National Symbols

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America has many different symbols that are unique only to our country.



# Statue of Liberty

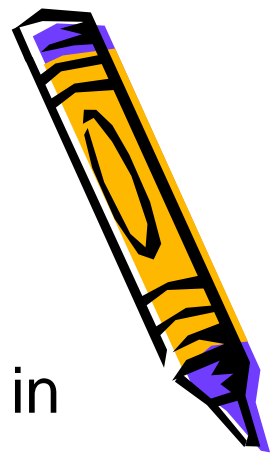


- Gift from France to the US.
- Presented to US from the people of France on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1885.
- Located in New York City on Liberty Island.
- The Statue of Liberty celebrates her birthday on October 28<sup>th</sup> in honor of the day she was officially accepted by **the president** of the United States in 1886.
- Date designated a National Monument: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1924.



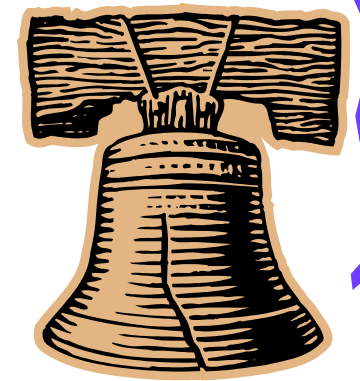
# Statue of Liberty

- The statue is **made of copper** and is now green in color because of oxidation (a chemical reaction between metal and water)
- The Statue of Liberty weighs **450,000 pounds**.
- Visitors must climb **354 stairs** to reach the Statue of Liberty's crown.
- There are **25 windows** in Lady Liberty's crown.
- The **seven spikes** on the Statue of Liberty's crown represent either the seven oceans or the seven continents.
- The Statue of Liberty has size 879 sandals that are each 25 feet (7.6m) long.



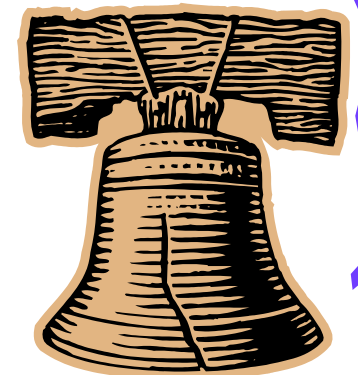
# Liberty Bell

- **Bell Originally Cast:** Whitechapel Foundry 1752.
- **Bell owned by:** The City of Philadelphia
- **Location:** Liberty Bell Center, Market Street & 6th, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- **Composition:** 70% copper, 25% tin, small amounts other metals.



# Liberty Bell

- Weight-originally: 2080 lbs.
- Weight-today: ~2055 lbs. (at least 25 lbs. have been maliciously chiseled off the inside lip).
- Circumference around the lip: 12 ft.
- Circumference around the crown: 7 ft. 6 in.
- Thickness at lip: 3 in.
- Thickness at crown: 1-1/4 in.
- Length of visible hairline fracture: 28"



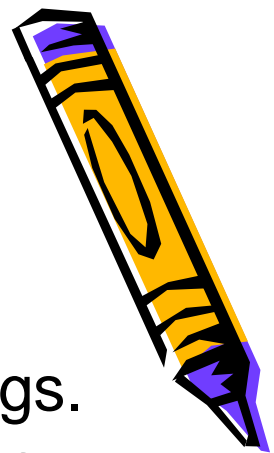
# Bald Eagle



- National emblem of US.
- It represents Freedom, Strength and Courage.
- It is on the seal of the President of the United States of America.
- Was declared and endangered species, but is now making a rebound.
- Only found in North America.



# Bald Eagle



- Both young and adult bald eagles have yellow legs.
- The young birds have a dark beak and black eyes, both turn bright yellow as they become adults.
- Size: With up to a 7-foot wingspan. Adults are 3 to 3 1/2 feet tall and weigh 8 to 15 pounds.
- Foods: Fish comprise the bulk of the bald eagle's diet. In midwinter, dead or crippled waterfowl and other wildlife become important food sources.
- Longevity: Wild eagles may live as long as 30 years, some have lived 50 years in captivity.
- Eyesight: The bald eagle's eyesight is 5 to 6 times sharper than a human's.

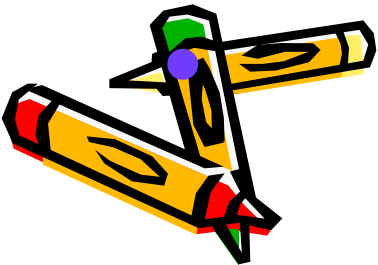




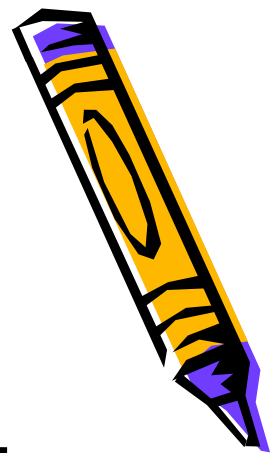
# US Flag



- There are 50 stars representing the 50 states.
- There are 13 stripes representing the 13 original states.
- Betsy Ross, made the first flag. It is maintained by the Independence Hall Association of Philadelphia.
- A new star is added to the flag on the July 4th following the entry into the Union of the new state.



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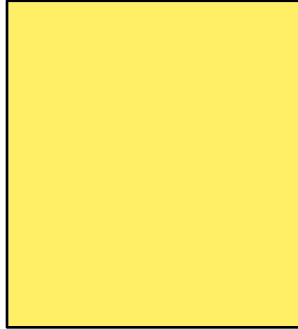


- The American flag flies on the moon, sits atop Mount Everest and is hurtling out in space.
- When a flag is folded we make 13 folds.
- There are 5 rows of 6 stars interleaved with 4 rows of 5 stars.

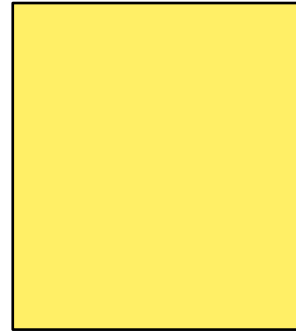


# Stamps

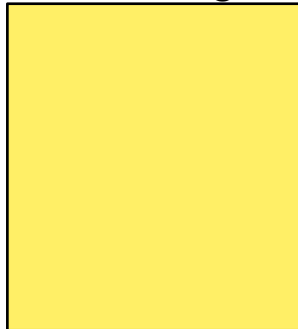
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Old Glory

