

## Unit 6 > Outline: The USA (pp. 108-109)

### Un exercice sur les symboles des USA.

Exercice avec son corrigé. Dernière page : exercice en version photocopiable.

## American symbols

Write the name of a US symbol next to each description.

Bald eagle • Star-spangled banner • E Pluribus Unum • US Capitol • Unfinished pyramid • Uncle Sam • Statue of Liberty • Mount Rushmore • In God we Trust • Great Seal • Pledge of allegiance • Annuit coeptis • Novus ordo seclorum • White House • Liberty Bell



Symbol	Description
	It has been used since 1782 to represent American beliefs and values according to the Founding Fathers. It is the national emblem. It features an eagle, and a pyramid on the reverse side.
	Became the national bird in 1782. Symbolizes strength, freedom and courage.
	"Out of many, one". Symbolises the union of the 13 colonies making up the nation.
	This phrase was added to US currency in the mid 1950s.
	Signifies strength and duration, but also means that the nation is under construction.
	Personifies the entire United States. A tall, elderly man often represented with a striped top hat, a blue coat and striped trousers. It was used in a famous recruitment poster during WW2, and is still used today by many cartoonists.
	Located in Philadelphia, it was rung in 1776 to call citizens for the first reading of the Declaration of Independence. It is a symbol of liberty which can be heard each July 4th.
	It stands in New York harbour as a welcome to all. It was offered by France in 1886, but was originally meant to celebrate the centennial of the American Declaration of Independence in 1876.
	It is recited (mostly by schoolchildren), hand over heart, while saluting the flag. First used to celebrate Columbus Day in 1892.
	Written in 1814 by an American patriot, it became the US national anthem 1931.
	Means "he favours our undertakings". Symbolises the fact that providence often is on America's side.
	"New order of the ages": shows that a new era has opened for America.
	A carved memorial to four great American presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.
	It has been the home of the legislative branch of the US government (the House of Representatives and the Senate) since 1800.
	Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, it is the President's official residence. He works in the Oval Office.



## Corrigé

Great Seal • Bald eagle • "E pluribus unum" • "In God we Trust" • Unfinished pyramid • Uncle Sam • Liberty bell • Statue of Liberty • Pledge of allegiance • "Star-spangled banner" • "Annuit coeptis" • "Novus ordo seclorum" • Mount Rushmore • US Capitol • White House

En complément, on pourra faire analyser les détails du Grand Sceau des Etats-Unis reproduit ici.

→ The **shield** with 13 vertical (red and blue) stripes shows that the 13 states join to protect themselves and each other. • The **top part** of the shield unites the stripes (it is supposed to represent congress). • In the eagle's right claw (his right talon) is an **olive branch** which symbolises peace, while the 13 arrows in the left one symbolise war. The **bundle of arrows** and the olive branch symbolise the power of Congress to make both peace and war. • Above the eagle, a **glory** is breaking through a cloud and surrounding thirteen stars: the first 13 states. • The **eye** in the triangle surrounded by a glory is the eye of providence, the vigilant and protective eye of the creator, a divine symbol. • **MDCCLXXVI**: 1776, the year when Independence was declared.

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