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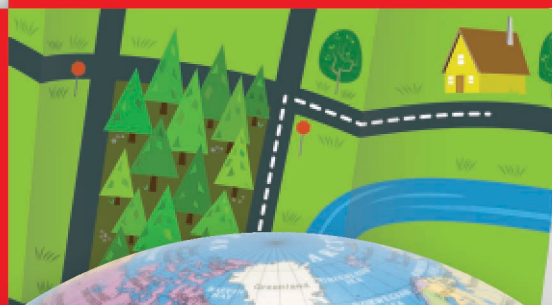
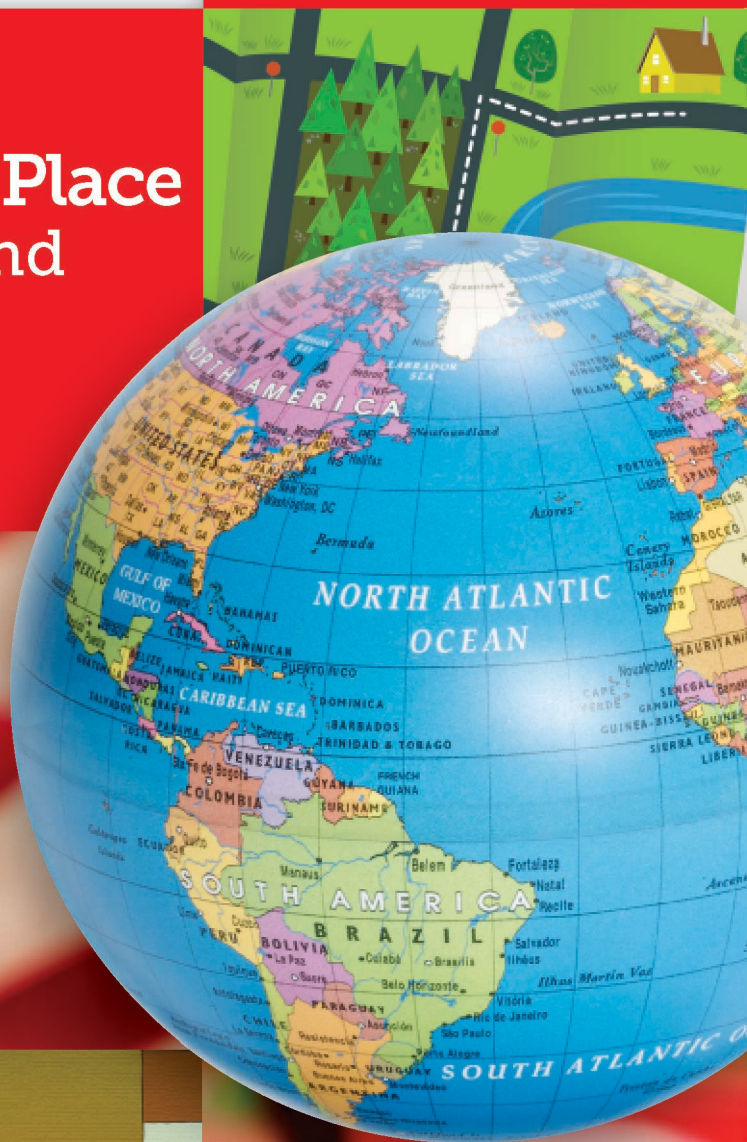
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Let's Celebrate!



What are these people celebrating? How do you know?



Poetry Corner

Our American Holidays

by Jen Colman

On Arbor Day, we celebrate
the beauty of green trees.

By planting trees, we're making homes
for squirrels, birds, and bees.



On Memorial Day, we celebrate
the ones who fought and died.
Our families come together
to remember them with pride.

On **Labor** Day, we celebrate everyone who works. From carpenters and engineers to teachers, chefs, and clerks.



On Veterans Day, we celebrate all those who were so brave. We honor them by saying thanks for the service that they gave.

WordBlast

What do you think **labor** means? What clue helps you figure it out?



The Bill of Rights

Long ago, our country was new. We needed a plan for making laws. So our leaders wrote the Constitution.

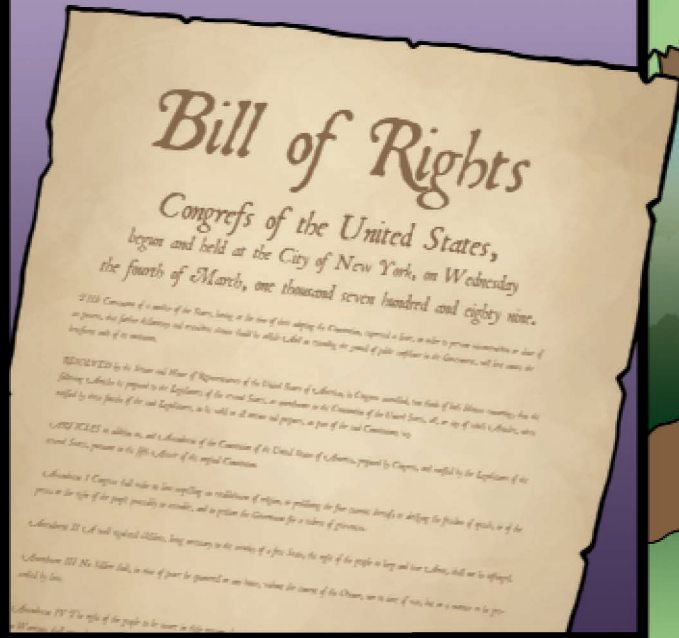


But something was missing.

This is a good plan for the government.

But we have to make sure people have rights of their own.

The Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution. It lists the rights that all people have in the United States.



We have many rights!

Here are just a few of them.

We have the right to speak freely about our ideas.

Baseball is the best sport.

No, soccer is!

We have the right to gather in groups and have meetings.

Let's have a campfire!

And tell scary stories!

And roast marshmallows!

We have the right to tell the government what we want.

DEAR MAYOR, WE NEED A NEW PLAYGROUND!

The Bill of Rights protects the freedom of everyone in the United States!

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How May I Help?

From sea to shining sea, people love to visit our national monuments. It's a fun way to learn more about our country!

Each year, over two million visitors come to the Statue of Liberty in New York. That's a lot of people!

Volunteers work there. What do they do? They give directions or lead tours.



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WordBlast

What words tell you the meaning of **volunteer**? Tell a partner why you think people become volunteers.



A black and white photograph showing a large group of people, mostly women and children, standing on the deck of a ship. They are all looking out towards the water where a submarine is visible. The submarine is a large, dark vessel with a prominent conning tower and various antennas. The scene is set on a ship's deck, with parts of the ship's structure visible in the foreground and background. The photograph is mounted on a light-colored, textured card with a decorative, scalloped border.

Who is the lady holding the torch? People who traveled to the shores of the United States years ago may have asked that

The lady with the torch offered all a view of hope!

Our Nation's Tall Treasures

Have you ever been to Muir Woods in California? If you have, then you've seen some of the tallest treasures of our nation—the redwood tree!

Redwoods are the tallest trees in the world. They are some of the widest, too!

To see how tall they really are, let's compare them to some of our other national treasures!



Statue of Liberty,
New York



Washington Monument,
Washington D.C.

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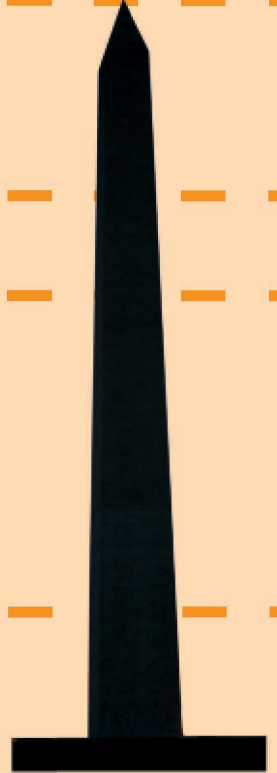
Look at the chart with a partner. Which national treasure is the tallest?

Washington
Monument
(555 ft)

redwood
tree
(350+ ft)

Statue of
Liberty
(305 ft)

cherry tree
(35 ft)



Freedom's Bell

The Liberty Bell is one of America's most treasured **symbols**. Here are some fast fun facts about it!



The bell was made in 1751.



The word *liberty* means to be free. The Liberty Bell reminds us we have the right to freedom.



The bell has a large crack, but no one knows for sure when or how it got there!



The Liberty Bell is now on display in Philadelphia. Each year, many people visit this important symbol of freedom.

WordBlast

The Liberty Bell is a **symbol** because it stands for freedom. What are some other symbols of our country?



Independence Hall, Philadelphia

Take Action!

More to Explore

Here are more ideas for you to think about!

Do you have a favorite holiday? What makes it special?

Would you like to volunteer to help someone? What would you do?

Why is the Statue of Liberty an important symbol for immigrants?

WordBlast

Why is **Labor** Day a good name for the holiday when we honor workers?

Do you think that the Liberty Bell is a good **symbol** for freedom? Tell why you think so.

How is being a **volunteer** also being a good citizen?



Reflect

How do we celebrate our country?