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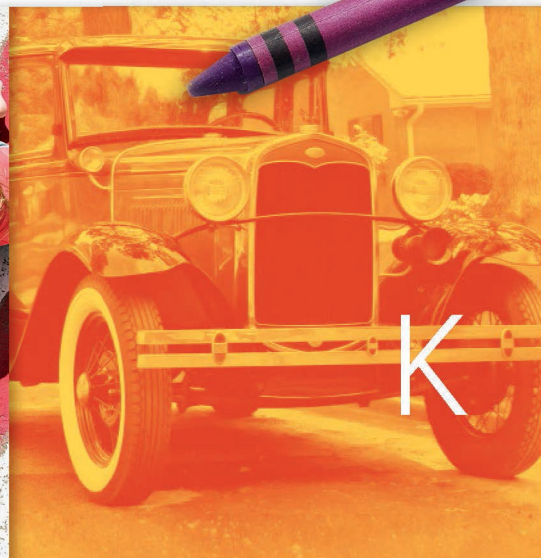
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Our National Symbols

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We Are Proud



What Does It Mean to Be an American?



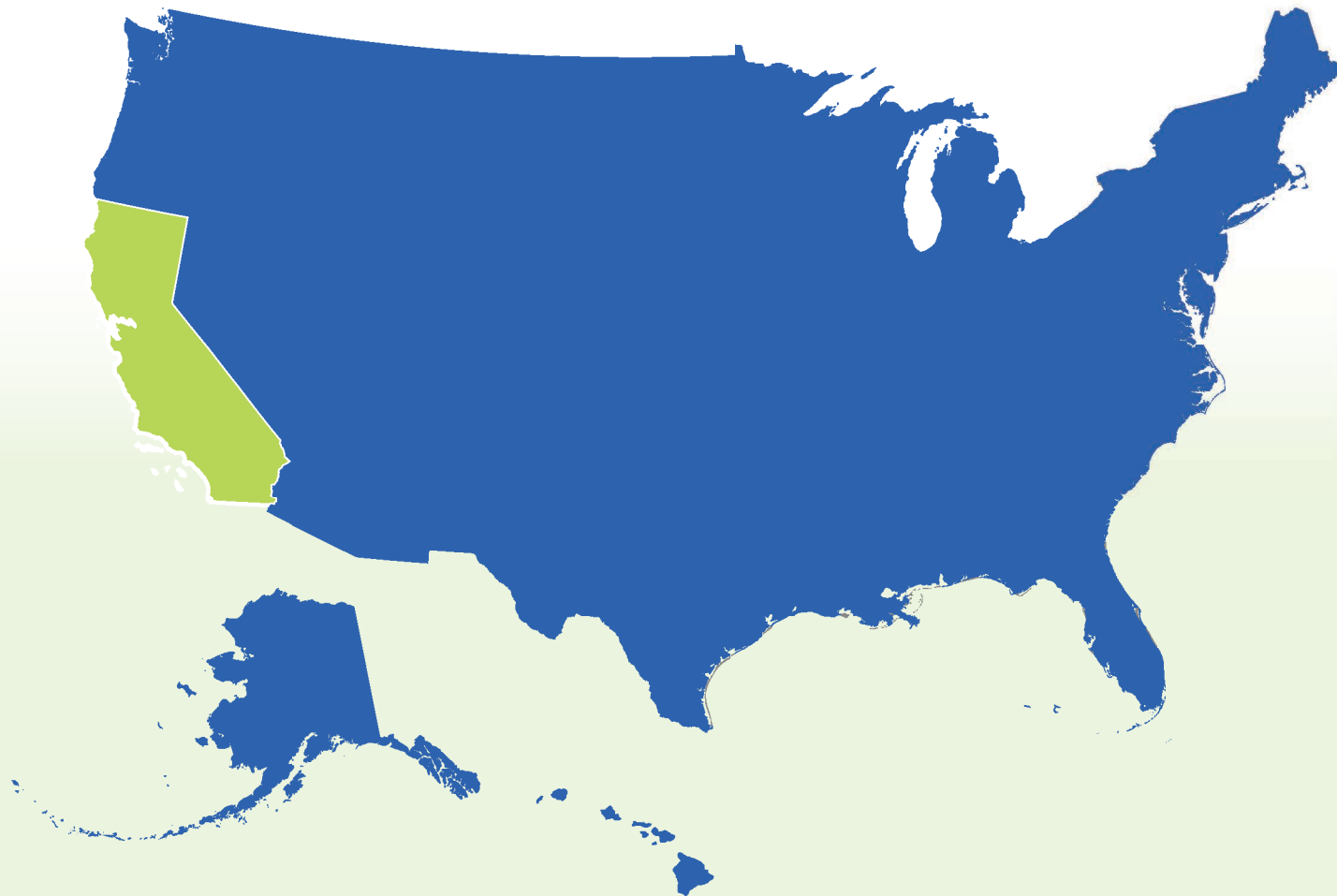
Exploring our country will help us learn what it means to be an American! We will learn about heroes from our country. We will learn about how we can be heroes too!

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This Is Our Country

Our country is the United States of America. It has 50 states. Our state is California. California is on the left side of our country.



You're a Grand Old Flag

by George M. Cohan

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.



Ev'ry heart beats true
'neath the Red, White,
and Blue,
Where there's
never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance
be forgot,
Keep your eye
on the grand old flag.



Think About It

1. What flag is this song about?
How do you know?
2. How do you think the person who
wrote this song feels about the flag?
Tell why you think so.

People You Should Know

Booker T. Washington

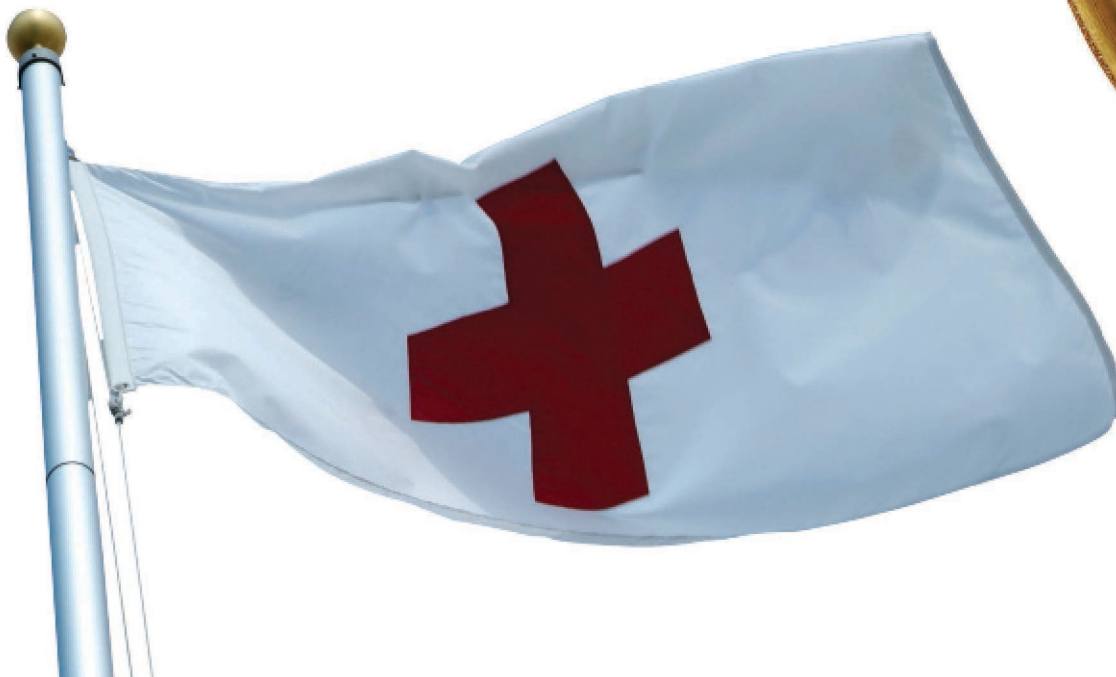
Booker T. Washington was a teacher long ago. Many schools did not teach African Americans then. Washington knew that school was important. He helped start a school for African Americans.



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Clara Barton

Long ago there was a war in our country. Clara Barton took care of people. She gave them food and clothing. After the war Clara wanted to keep helping people. She worked for the Red Cross. The Red Cross helps people all over the world.





Why Are National Symbols Important?



What Is Our Country's Song?

Many people live in the United States.

Together we make one country.

We are proud of our country.

We are proud of our flag.

We have a song called
The Star Spangled Banner.



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Think What symbol is the song about?

Why Is the Bald Eagle Important?

The bald eagle is a symbol of our country.

It is big and strong. Our country is big and strong, too.



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The bald eagle stands for freedom.
It also stands for strength.
It makes us feel proud
to be Americans.



Did You Know?

The bald eagle
is on mailboxes
and mail
trucks, too.



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Perspectives What does the bald eagle tell you about our country?

Where else do you see symbols?

Coins are round pieces of metal.

They are used as money.

In the United States, the coins have symbols of our country.

This is a quarter.



The name of our country.

George Washington

What symbols do you see?



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Perspectives What do symbols tell you about our country?

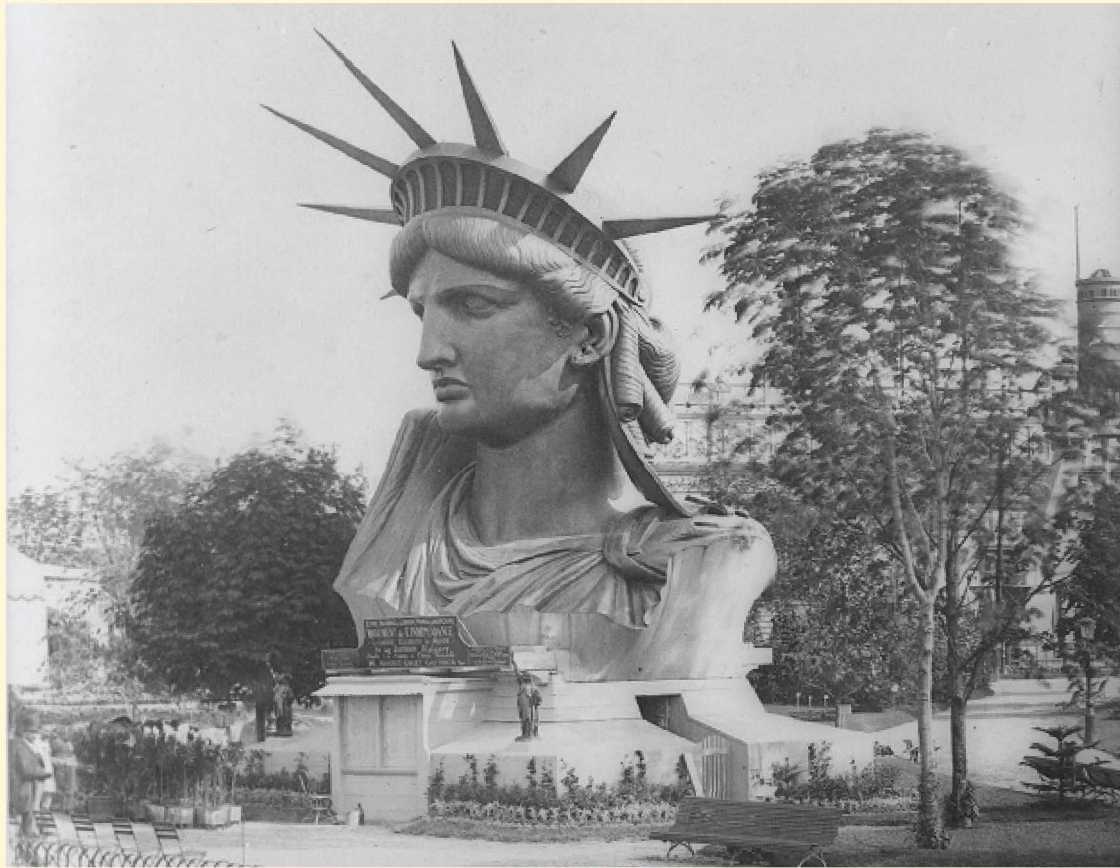
Why Is the Statue of Liberty Important?

The Statue of Liberty was a gift to America.

It came from France.

It was so big, it had to be sent in hundreds of pieces!

PRIMARY SOURCE



The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of freedom.
It stands for hope.
It has welcomed people to our country
for a long time.
The statue is in New York Harbor.



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Perspectives Why is the Statue of Liberty important to our country?

What Do You Think?

Why are symbols important to our country?



Lesson
2

How Do People Celebrate America?

Read
Together

PRIMARY SOURCE



What Is Labor Day?

A **holiday** is a special day. Some holidays celebrate our **nation**.

This poster represents women who worked in America over 70 years ago.

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Labor Day is a holiday in September.
 Labor Day celebrates the great things
 workers do for our **country**.

Stop and Check




Talk What are holidays?
 Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

Perspectives Why are workers
 important in our nation?

What Is Independence Day?

Independence Day is a holiday.

It celebrates the birth of the United States of America. It is also called the Fourth of July. We celebrate with parades and fireworks.

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Talk What is Independence Day?
What do people do to celebrate?

Make Connections How does
your community celebrate
Independence Day?

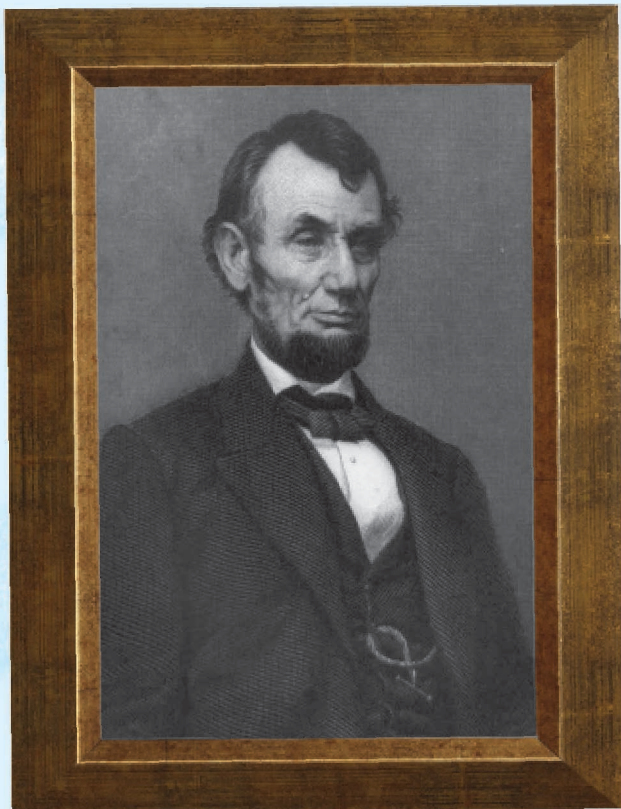
Who Is Abraham Lincoln?

Abraham Lincoln was an important president.

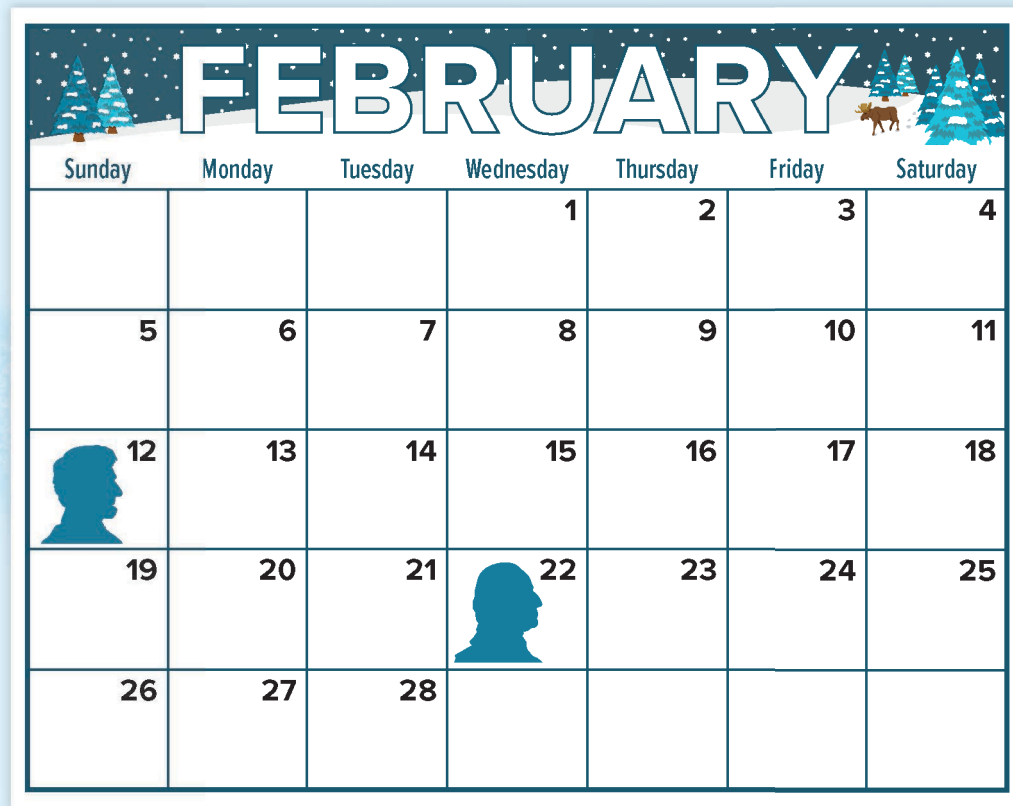
Lincoln always tried to tell the truth.

People called him Honest Abe.

We celebrate his birthday February 12th.



Abraham Lincoln



Who Is George Washington?

George Washington was our first president.

On February 22, we celebrate his birthday.

We remember what he did for our country.



George Washington



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Talk Whose birthday comes first?
Why do we celebrate Washington's
and Lincoln's birthdays?

How Do We Remember Our Heroes?

On Memorial Day, we honor soldiers who have fought and died for the United States.

It is celebrated on the last Monday of May.



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Memorial Day is in May.


On Veterans Day, we
celebrate veterans.

A veteran is a person who has
protected our country.

A veteran is a hero.

We celebrate Veterans Day
on November 11th.



NOVEMBER						
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Veterans Day is in November.



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Talk Why do we celebrate Memorial
Day and Veterans Day?



What Do You Think?

How do people celebrate America?

Lesson
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How Do People and Places Help Us Learn About America?



What Are Special Places in Our Country?

This is the White House.
It is located in Washington D.C.,
our country's capital.



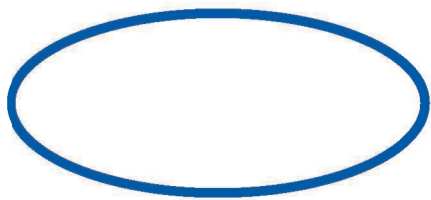
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The president lives here.

The president works here too.

The president's office is shaped like an oval!



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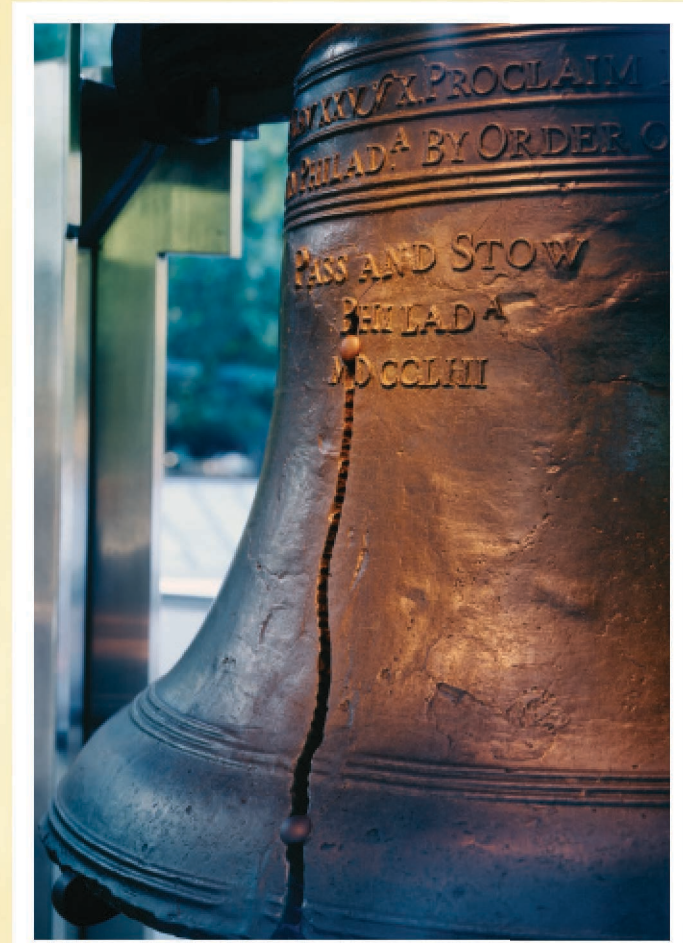
Talk What questions do you have about the White House? Why is the White House a special place?

Field Trip to Philadelphia

The Liberty Bell is another symbol. It rang long ago when the United States became a country. The Liberty Bell is famous for its big crack. Many people visit it everyday.

Did You Know?

No one knows how the Liberty Bell had its first crack.



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The Liberty Bell is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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Talk Why is the Liberty Bell important?

A Great President

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809.

He taught himself to read and write.

Abraham Lincoln was a President of the United States.

He was one of our greatest presidents.
Lincoln helped keep our country together during the Civil War.



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Abraham
Lincoln



Lincoln Memorial

Did You Know?

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to make Thanksgiving a national holiday.

How Do Ben Franklin's Ideas Help Us?

People with great ideas help make our work and lives better.

Benjamin Franklin was a person with great ideas.

Ben Franklin was an inventor.

He made many helpful things.

He discovered helpful things too.



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electricity



lightning rod



Franklin stove



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Talk What did Ben Franklin make? What did he find out? How do his inventions help us?

What Do You Think?

How do we learn about our country?

Lesson

4

How Do We Celebrate California?

Read
Together

What Symbols Represent Our State?

California
poppy

We are proud of our **state**!

We have special
symbols to show
we are proud.



California
quarter



HSS.K.1.2, HSS.K.2, HSS.K.5, HSS.K.6.1



California red-legged frog



California quail



California grizzly bear

Did You Know?

The California state colors are blue and gold.

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Perspectives What do these symbols tell you about our state?

Tall, Tall Trees

Look outside. Do you see a tree?

It might be tall.

It is not as tall as a redwood called a giant sequoia!

These huge redwoods can be as tall as a 30-story building.

One tree can weigh as much as 100 elephants.

The trees live for a long time, too.

Some of them have been alive for more than 1,000 years.

These special trees grow only in California.





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A giant sequoia
really is giant!



Stop and Check

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Talk What makes these trees special?

Cesar Chavez

Cesar Chavez was born in 1927.

When Cesar was young, he and his family were farm workers.

They were not paid very much money.



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People walk
to remember
Cesar Chavez.

People did not treat farm workers fairly.
Cesar Chavez worked for new laws.
The laws help keep farm workers safe.



Stop and Check



Perspectives How do you think
farm workers felt when Cesar
Chavez helped them?

What Do You Think?

How do we celebrate California?

Lesson
5

How Do We Show Pride in Our Nation?

Read
Together

What Is a Hero?

A **hero** is determined.

A hero is honest.

A hero is brave.



A hero is respectful.
A hero is patriotic.
A hero is responsible.



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Perspectives Why is it important to be a hero?

Make Connections How can you be a hero?

Respecting Our Nation

To respect means to treat as important.

We show respect for our nation
by keeping it clean.

How can we help?

We can help our community!

We can give food.



We can plant trees.
We can take care
of animals.



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Make Connections How can you
help your community?

How Can We Cooperate?

We can work together!

We can clean up together.



We can build together.

We can play
together too!



Stop and Check

COLLABORATE



Perspectives How does working together show we are proud of our country?

How Can We Show Courage?

When you show **courage**, it means you are brave.

We can show courage every day.

We can try something new.



We can make new friends.
We can do the right thing.



Stop and Check

COLLABORATE



Perspectives Why does doing these things show courage? What are some other ways we can show courage?

What Do You Think?

How do we show pride in our nation?



Connections in Action!

Back to the Essential Question

Think about the chapter question, “**What does it mean to be an American?**”

Talk with a partner about some of the people and places you learned about. How do they help you understand our country? Draw a picture that represents our country. Share your picture with the class.



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More to Explore

How Can You Make an IMPACT?

Which Word?

Choose two new words you learned in this chapter. Draw a picture that shows the meaning of each word. Then trade pictures with a partner. Tell which words from the chapter your partner's pictures show. Label each picture with the word.

Our State

You've learned about our state in this chapter. What is the most interesting thing you learned? Draw a picture to show an interesting detail about our state. Share your picture with a partner. Tell why you picked this detail.

I Can Be a Hero!

You've learned about what heroes do. Get together with a partner. Role-play ways you can be a hero. Choose your favorite idea to share with your class.