

Lesson

4

Big Idea

Symbols remind us to show respect for our country.

Vocabulary

flag

America's Symbols

The United States of America has symbols that remind us of important people and events. Some of these symbols are places we can visit.

Bald eagle



Capitol building



A leader named Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be a symbol of the United States. The bald eagle was chosen instead.



Mount Rushmore



Liberty Bell



Washington Monument

Uncle Sam



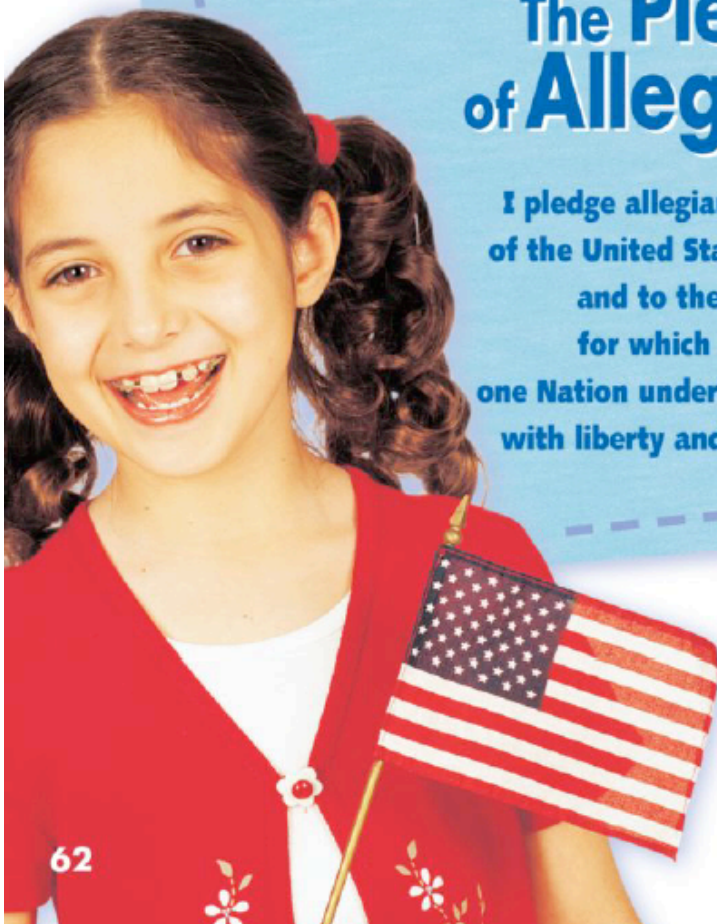
Statue of Liberty



Our **flag** is a symbol of our country. It is red, white, and blue. Each star stands for one of the states in our country. The stripes stand for the first 13 states in the United States. When we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we show that our country is important to us.

The Pledge of Allegiance

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.**



Each state has its own flag.



• BIOGRAPHY •

Betsy Ross

1752–1836

Character Trait: Patriotism

In 1776 the United States was a new country and needed a flag. George Washington knew the right person for the job. Betsy Ross did sewing work in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Some people think she sewed the first American flag. Betsy Ross is a patriotic symbol for our country.

MULTIMEDIA BIOGRAPHIES

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Our country has the motto,
or saying, "In God We Trust."
States have mottoes, too.

**Wisdom,
Justice, and
Moderation**

Georgia

**Prepared in Mind
and Resources**

**While I Breathe,
I Hope**

South Carolina

New Mexico

**It Grows As
It Goes**

• **HERITAGE** •

Florida's Day

April 2 is State Day in Florida. On about that date in 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León first saw the land he named Florida.



We can sing songs that show how proud we are of our country and our state.



LESSON 4 Review

- 1 **Vocabulary** Explain how the **flag** is a symbol for our country.
- 2 Do you think symbols are important? Why?
- 3 Make a poster to show symbols of your state.

Skills



Fiction or Nonfiction

Vocabulary

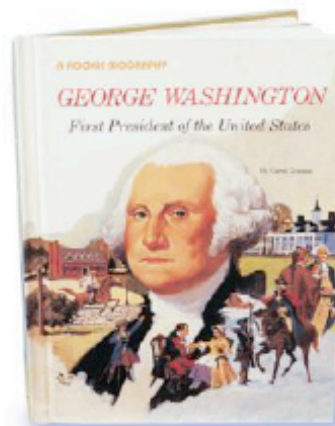
fiction

nonfiction

fact

► Why It Matters

Stories can be made up or real. Made-up stories are **fiction**. Books of real information are **nonfiction**. Nonfiction books tell only facts. A **fact** is something that is true.

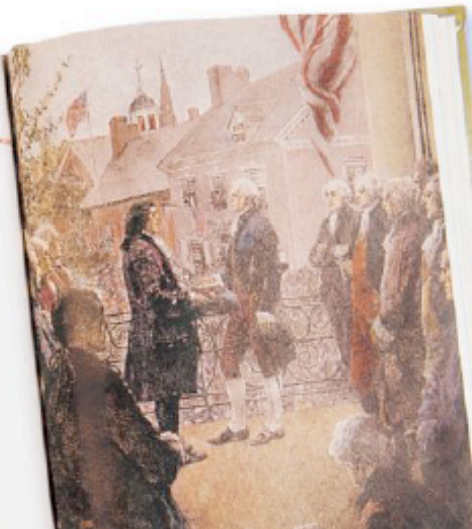


► What You Need to Know

The title, pictures, and words of a book let you know if it's fiction or nonfiction.

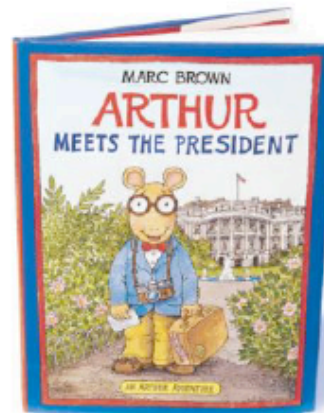
Then, in 1789,
George was elected
the first president
of the United States.

He didn't think
he was good enough
to be president.
But he took the job.



► Practice the Skill

- 1 Look at the two books.
- 2 Which book do you think is fiction? What makes you think so?
- 3 Which book do you think tells more facts? What makes you think so?



► Apply What You Learned

Choose a book, and look at the cover and the pictures. Do you think the book is fiction or nonfiction? How can you tell?