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The Liberty Bell

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Have you seen the Liberty Bell? It is a symbol of America. It is a very big bell.

The bell was made in 1753. It was rung to call people together. The bell cracked soon after it was made. People fixed the bell. Then the bell cracked again! It has not been rung since.

Now the bell hangs in a museum. It is in Philadelphia. That is a city in Pennsylvania. Many people visit the museum. They want to see the Liberty Bell. They also want to see the crack!

A Great Statue

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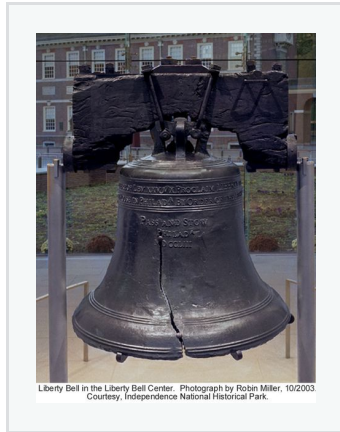
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A big statue of a woman stands on an island near New York City. It is the Statue of Liberty. The woman has a large crown on her head. She is holding a torch that stands for freedom.

Let's visit the statue. We take a ferryboat to get there. We go inside the statue. We climb up 354 steps to the crown! Now we look out the windows of one of the biggest statues in the world.

Three Symbols of the United States

By Susan LaBella



The United States of America has some special symbols. A symbol is something that stands for something else.

The American flag is a symbol of the United States. Each star stands for one of the fifty states. The stripes stand for the thirteen colonies that joined together to start the country hundreds of years ago.

The Liberty Bell is a United States symbol. It stands for American freedom. The Liberty Bell hangs in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The White House is a United States symbol. It is the home of the country's president. The White House is in Washington, D.C.

Our President Lives in the White House

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Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States of America. The White House is in Washington, D.C.

The president and the president's family live in the White House. The president's pets live there too.

The White House has 132 rooms. It has 35 bathrooms.

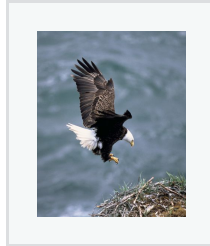
It has a swimming pool and a movie theater.

The White House has a special office. It is called the Oval Office. The president works in the Oval Office.

The White House has a lot of color. It has a room named the Blue Room where the president meets many of his guests. It also has a Green Room and a Red Room! Both rooms are sitting rooms usually used to welcome guests or to celebrate an event.

The American Bird

By Susan LaBella



The bald eagle is a symbol of the United States. A symbol is something that stands for something else. The bald eagle stands for the country's strength. Here are some things we know about bald eagles.

Bald eagles have wonderful sight. This helps them find food. They have strong claws to eat a fish or snake.

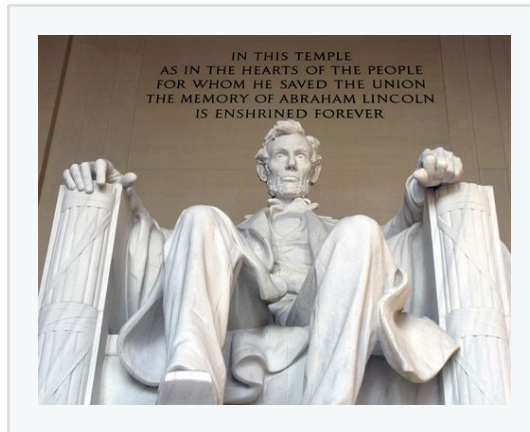
Bald eagles are fast! Their powerful, wide wings help them fly very quickly.

Bald eagles build huge nests from sticks and grass. They build nests high in trees.

Baby eaglets hatch from eggs. Both parents bring the babies food. Soon the eaglets can fly and leave the nest.

What Is a Memorial?

By Susan LaBella



There are many memorials in Washington, D.C. Memorials are built to remember and honor people. Visitors go to the United States capital to see these memorials.

The Jefferson Memorial honors President Thomas Jefferson. Inside this building is a nineteen-foot-high statue of the president.

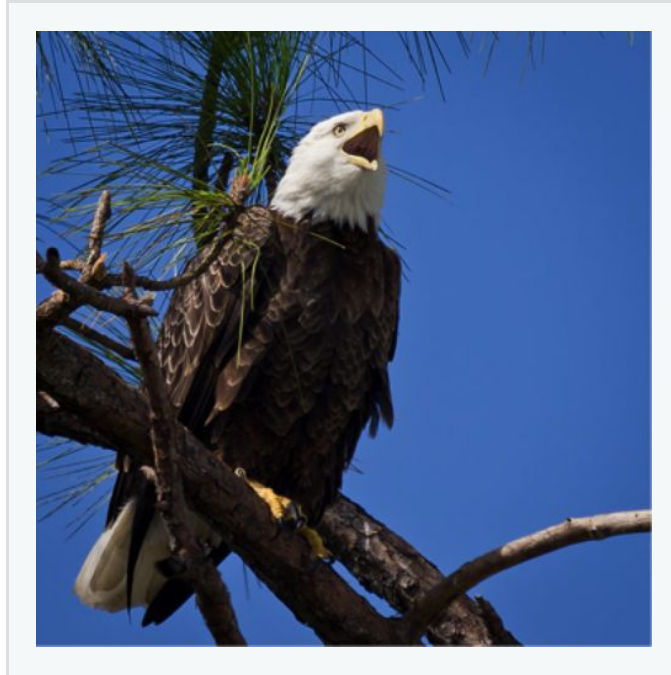
The Lincoln Memorial honors President Abraham Lincoln. Inside it is a statue of Lincoln sitting down.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is a large stone statue. The statue honors Martin Luther King, Jr. He worked for peace among all people.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial has two special walls. They are black walls that show the names of many soldiers. They fought and died for the United States in the Vietnam War.

The Bald Eagle

By ReadWorks



The bald eagle is a kind of bird. It is a big bird. It is a strong bird.

The bald eagle is a symbol of the United States of America. It shows people that the United States is a strong country.

We see pictures of bald eagles in many places. We see pictures of bald eagles on coins. We see pictures of bald eagles on dollar bills.

Have you ever seen a bald eagle – or a picture of one?