



Lesson Plan: Out of Many, One

Vocabulary:

SYMBOL noun

1.

something used for or regarded as representing something else; a material object representing something, often something immaterial; emblem, token, or sign.

2.

a letter, figure, or other character or mark or a combination of letters or the like used to designate something: the algebraic symbol x ; the chemical symbol Au.

3.

a word, phrase, image, or the like having a complex of associated meanings and perceived as having inherent value separable from that which is [symbolized](#), as being part of that which is [symbolized](#), and as performing its normal function of standing for or representing that which is [symbolized](#): usually conceived as deriving its meaning chiefly from the structure in which it appears, and generally distinguished from a sign.

–verb (used with object)

Origin:

1400–50; late Middle English < Latin *symbolum* < Greek *symbolon* sign, equivalent to *sym-* [sym-](#) + *-bolon*, neuter for *bolé* (feminine) a throw



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Handout:

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Symbols—Here and There

We have been talking about symbols and their importance in our nation's history. Now it's your turn to be the researcher. Your assignment is to discuss with a parent the following questions (and maybe some of your own!):

1. Mom, Dad, Grandma: When you think about the United States, what is the FIRST symbolic image that comes to mind and why?
2. Mom, Dad, Grandma: When you think about the natural beauty of the United States, what is the FIRST symbolic image that comes to mind and why?
3. Mom, Dad, Grandma: If you were born in another country, what is the first symbolic image that comes to mind of _____ and why?
4. Mom, Dad, Grandma: If you were born in another country, When you think about the natural beauty of _____, what is the FIRST symbolic image that comes to mind and why?
5. Additional comments: this is your space to add more regarding the discussion you had with your family members. Please try and discuss with all adults in your house. I imagine all of you will be surprised by the responses!