

Create Your Own Patriotic Art OR Analyze Patriotic American Symbols

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- A strong sense of “*nationalism*” that clearly shows pride in your country. Select at least five (5) items that Americans, as well as people around the world, would recognize as unique and symbolic of the United States. More than the minimum, as always, is perfectly acceptable! You may also include a *patriotic* quote if you wish, but this is not required. The quote does not count as one of the five symbols.
- The art must be colorful. Take the time to make your images come to life in a manner that would make any red blooded American stop and shed tears of joy in public upon witnessing your creation!

OR

Your second choice – **option B** – if you are averse to creating your own art, is to analyze three recognizable symbols that are used to promote *nationalism* in the United States. This will require research and writing to complete. To earn full credit, this *patriotic* analysis will include...

- An image of each symbol with two paragraphs, written or typed in YOUR OWN WORDS, that identifies key elements of the symbols and clearly explains how each of the elements promotes *nationalism* in the United States. Each symbol = 1 picture and 2 paragraphs.
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- LOOK AT SOME OF THE EXAMPLES CREATED BY STUDENTS IN PAST YEARS IN THE WINDOWS OF MR. KYLE’S CLASSROOM TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT THIS FINISHED ARTWORK MIGHT LOOK LIKE. THIS OPTION WILL TAKE TIME AND EFFORT. IF YOU AREN’T WILLING TO DO A GOOD JOB, PLEASE CONSIDER THE SECOND OPTION...

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- YOUR RESEARCH FOR EACH OF THE THREE SYMBOLS WILL INCLUDE AN IMAGE AND TWO PARAGRAPHS. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH WILL IDENTIFY THE ELEMENTS OF NATIONALISM FOUND IN THE SYMBOL. THE SECOND PARAGRAPH WILL EXPLAIN WHAT THOSE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS MEAN AND HOW THEY PROMOTE AMERICAN NATIONALISM. CITE ALL SOURCES. DO NOT PLAGIARIZE. YOUR VOCABULARY WILL BETRAY YOU!

Paragraph One will identify all of the elements – or parts – of the symbol that you are analyzing. This might include words that are part of a motto of saying. What are the elements and what do they mean?



Paragraph Two will be your explanation of how the elements are used to promote ideas of nationalism or patriotism in the United States. Every country wants their citizens to have pride in their country. How do these symbols work on US?