**First Grade**

**Key Concept: 3**

**Culture and Climate**

**Overview:**

This lesson features a presentation, student booklet, and quiz about United States symbols.

**For the Teacher:**

This is an introductory lesson on U.S. state symbols. Feel free to break this presentation into multiple days, add read alouds, or edit the book and PowerPoint for your needs.

**Materials:**

*United States Symbols* PowerPoint (provided), *My U.S. Symbols Book* (provided), *United States Symbols Quiz* (provided)

**Objectives:**

C.2.1.1 Describe state and national symbols and patriotic songs

H.12.1.4 Retell stories of historical events, American legends, and people who played a role in history

**Instructions**

* Distribute a copy of the **My United States Symbols Book** to each student. The students will use this as a guide during the presentation.
* Using the **United States Symbols PowerPoint**, introduce each symbol (slides 1-25). (Can be split into multiple days.) As you are presenting each symbol, have students focus on the page in their symbols book. Allow students time to complete each page of their book.
* (Optional) Slides 27-30 include more information about flag etiquette.

**Review**

* After students have completed their symbols book, ask students to reflect on what they’ve learned. On the back page of the book, have them write down 3 different things they learned. Allow them to share what they’ve learned with the class.

**Enrichment**

* Teach the “Symbols of the USA” song on slide 26 of the Power Point.

**Assessment**

* Informal: The teacher should monitor students during the presentation to make sure they understand each US symbol. If students have difficulty, review the symbol.
* Formal: Give students the *United States Symbols Quiz* and grade.

Symbols of the USA

(To the tune of “Party in the USA” by Miley Cyrus)

I hopped off the plane at Mount Rushmore, lookin’ for some new symbols

Welcome to the land of the brave and free. Whoa! It’s Lady Liberty!

Jumped in the cab, in D.C. for the first time

Look to my right, and I see the White House sign.

This is all so crazy, the Liberty Bell’s so shiny!

My head is turnin’ and I’m lookin’ all around me

All these symbols, I can learn ‘em!

That’s when the President turned on the radio

And the Scott Key song was on

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So I put my hands up, they’re wavin’ my flag

The bald eagle flies away

I’m noddin’ my head like yeah!

Salutin’ the flag like yeah!

Got my hands up, they’re wavin’ my flag

Stars and stripes, red, white and blue

Yeah! It’s the symbols of the USA!

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