

Test Design Draft 1
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Overview: This test was designed to measure students' historical knowledge in the subject area of social studies at the first grade level. The items on this test are specifically targeted towards assessing students' learning and understanding after five, 30-minute long, teacher led lessons all tied to the following two IN State Standard Indicators:

- © **1.1.3** Identify American songs and symbols and discuss their origins.
Example: Songs: "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Yankee Doodle",
Symbols: The United States Flag, the bald eagle and the Statue of Liberty

- © **1.1.5** Identify people and events observed in national celebrations and holidays.
Example: Celebrations and holidays, such as Thanksgiving; Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents' Day; Independence Day; Arbor Day; and Veterans' Day

Questions 1-3: Multiple Choice; Selected Response (1 pt. each)

1. Circle the one that represents the American symbol for freedom.
A. The Liberty Bell
B. The Bald Eagle
C. The Statue of Liberty

2. Circle the one that represents the American symbol for hope and prosperity.
A. The Liberty Bell
B. The Bald Eagle
C. The Statue of Liberty

3. Circle the one that represents the American symbol for strength and loyalty.
A. The Liberty Bell
B. The Bald Eagle
C. The Statue of Liberty

Questions 4-5: Short Answer; Constructed Response (3 pts. each)

4. The United States national anthem is titled "The _____ - _____."
_____.

5. The 3 colors on the American flag are _____, _____, _____.

Questions 6-8: Matching; Selected Response (1 pt. each)

Directions: On the line to the left of each national holiday listed in Column A, write the letter of the month in Column B in which that holiday is celebrated every year. Each month in Column B may be used no more than once.

Column A

Column B

_____ 6. Independence Day

A. April

_____ 7. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

B. August

C. January

_____ 8. Thanksgiving

D. July

E. March

F. November

G. September

Questions 8-9: Essay; Constructed Response (4 pts. each)

9. Using complete sentences, write a paragraph describing the American flag. Be sure to include:

- ☞ How many stars are on the American flag and what each star represents
- ☞ How many stripes are on the American flag and what each stripe represents

10. Choose one of the four given American symbols listed:

- The Liberty Bell
- The Statue of Liberty
- The Bald Eagle
- The American Flag

Write a paragraph, using complete sentences, to describe the symbol you chose. Be sure to include:

- ☞ What the symbol you chose means to you in your own words
- ☞ Why you chose that symbol and why it stands out to you more than the other three
- ☞ How other Americans view the symbol you chose as being important
- ☞ Why is the symbol you chose an important symbol in the United States
