

About the President's Seal

The Seal of the President of the United States is used to mark correspondence from the President to the United States Congress and as a symbol of the presidency. The central design is based on the Great Seal of the United States and is the official coat of arms of the U.S. presidency. It appears on the presidential flag, presidential vehicles, podiums and even on the carpet in the Oval Office!

Although President Rutherford B. Hayes used a presidential seal in 1877, the design of today's seal was specified by President Harry S. Truman in 1945 by executive order. In 1959, and again in 1960, the circle of stars was increased by one for the new states of Alaska and Hawaii.

Answers:

Eagle (c.), Stars (d.), Olive Branch (b.), Arrows (a.)

E Pluribus Unum is Latin for "from many, one".

The stripes on the shield represent the thirteen original states.

Scoring:

Presidential Scholar (7-8 correct answers)

White House Apprentice (4-6 correct answers)

Good effort. Try again! (0-3 correct answers)

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Discover the Symbols in the Seal

The President has many jobs. He (or she) is Chief Executive, Chief Diplomat, Commander in Chief, Manager of the Economy, National Leader, Ceremonial Head of State, and Party Leader. The President's Seal contains clues to his (or her) many jobs. Can you match the objects listed below to the roles they represent?



Eagle

a.) Symbolize the President's role as Commander in Chief



Stars

b.) Symbolizes peace and the President's role as Chief Diplomat



Olive branch

c.) Represents the United States of America and symbolizes the President's role as Ceremonial Head of State



Arrows

d.) Represent the 50 states, and are symbols of the President as Chief Executive and National Leader.

For *two* bonus points each:

_____ is Latin for "From many, one."

The stripes on the shield represent _____.

(Answers and scoring on back page)

Create Your Own Presidential Seal

What images will you use to represent the President's roles?

