

TEACHER CRITICAL CONTENT NOTES

BENCHMARK

SS.3.CG.2.5 *Recognize symbols, individuals, documents, and events that represent the State of Florida.*

BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS

- Students will recognize the Great Seal of the State of Florida as a symbol that represents the state.
- Students will recognize William Pope Duval, William Dunn Moseley, and Josiah T. Walls as individuals who represent Florida.
- Students will identify the Declaration of Rights in the Florida Constitution as a document that represents Florida.
- Students will recognize that Florida became the 27th state of the United States on March 3, 1845.

WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN

2nd Grade	<p>SS.2.CG.2.5 Recognize symbols, individuals, and documents that represent Florida.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will recognize the Florida State Capitol and the Everglades National Park as symbols of Florida. ● Students will recognize Andrew Jackson and Marjory Stoneman Douglas as individuals who represent Florida ● Students will recognize the Florida Constitution as a document that represents Florida.
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WHERE STUDENTS ARE GOING

4th Grade	<p>SS.4.CG.2.3 Identify individuals who represent the citizens of Florida at the state level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will identify their local state senator and state representative. ● Students will identify appropriate methods for communicating with elected officials. ● Students will recognize that Florida has a representative government.
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TIMING/PACING NOTES

- This benchmark may be taught at any time during the school year.
- Every benchmark clarification does not need to be taught at the same time. They may be broken up and taught over the course of the school year.
- This benchmark may be taught with SS.3.CG.2.4 which introduces United States

symbols. When teaching United States symbols, the teacher may help students understand that there are also symbols special to Florida.

UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK

→ What to know:

- ◆ The benchmark cognitive demand is a lower DOK with recognize
- ◆ Recognize can mean: name, associate, match, or list
- ◆ Florida symbols are things that have special meaning to Florida
- ◆ Symbols help students visualize important representations associated with Florida.
- ◆ Recognizing historical figures requires students to have a generalized understanding of the individuals and their significance in Florida history.
- ◆ There are state symbols and national symbols

→ Main concepts to teach:

- ◆ There are symbols for the United States and individual states
- ◆ Florida symbols
 - Great Seal of the State of Florida
 - Florida Constitution
 - Declaration of Rights
- ◆ Important Florida events
 - Becoming the 27th state of the United States on March 3, 1845
- ◆ Brief biographical information that focuses on the historical contributions and Florida connections of William Pope Duval, William Dunn Moseley, and Josiah T. Walls

→ Examples:

- ◆ Great Seal of the State of Florida
 - Includes a Seminole woman, steamboat, sabal palms, and the state motto “In God We Trust”
 - Used on official state government documents and legislation
 - Displayed at state government buildings and on the state flag
- ◆ William Pope Duval
 - First civilian territorial governor (1822-1834), lawyer and judge, helped establish more peaceful relations with local tribes of Native Americans, established Tallahassee as state capitol
- ◆ William Dunn Moseley
 - First governor under statehood (1845-1849), state Capitol building completed while in office, encouraged agriculture production of citrus, avocados, tobacco, and cotton
- ◆ Josiah T. Walls
 - First Black congressman elected to represent Florida (1870), delegate to the state constitutional convention, served in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, Mayor of Gainesville
- ◆ Declaration of Rights in the Florida Constitution
 - *“All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property. No person shall be*

deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability” Article I Section 2 of Florida Constitution

- ◆ Florida became the 27th state on March 3, 1845

CONTENT BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Information on symbols that represent Florida:

1. [Florida DOS: State Seal](#)

Information on individuals that represent Florida:

1. [Florida DOS: William Pope Duval](#)
2. [Florida DOS: William Dunn Moseley](#)
3. [House of Representatives: Josiah T. Walls](#)

Information on documents that represent Florida:

1. [Library of Congress: Florida Constitution](#)
2. [Florida State Legislature: Florida Constitution](#)

Information on events that represent Florida:

1. [Florida DOS: Statehood](#)

Information on laws/statute regarding the teaching of diverse individuals and groups:

1. [Florida State Statute 1003.42: Required Instruction](#)