

## TEACHER CRITICAL CONTENT NOTES

BENCHMARK
<b>SS.K.CG.2.4</b> <i>Recognize symbols that represent the United States.</i>
BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Students will recognize the American flag, the bald eagle, and the U.S. President as symbols that represent the United States.</li> </ul>

WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN	
Pre-K	No Background Knowledge
WHERE STUDENTS ARE GOING	
1st Grade	<p>SS.1.CG.2.4 Recognize symbols and individuals that represent the United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will recognize the national motto (“In God We Trust”) and “We the People” as symbols that represent the United States.</li> <li>● Students will recognize Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Daniel Webster, and Martin Luther King Jr. as individuals who represent the United States.</li> </ul>

TIMING/PACING NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This benchmark can be taught at any time throughout the school year.</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● The symbols in this benchmark may be taught with SS.K.CG.2.3 which addresses the American flag, Pledge of Allegiance, and patriotic holidays/observances.</li> <li>● This benchmark may be taught with SS.K.CG.2.5 which connects to symbols associated with Florida.</li> </ul>

UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK
<p>→ Things to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Recognize can mean: identify, retell, match, name, recall</li> <li>◆ U.S. symbols are things that have special meaning to the United States</li> <li>◆ Symbols help students visualize important representations associated with the</li> </ul>

#### United States

- ◆ As this benchmark spirals through grade levels, more symbols are added  
Kindergarten is about setting the basic foundation of learning what a symbol is and associating the flag, president, and eagle with the United States

#### → Main concepts to teach:

- ◆ The concept of a symbol
- ◆ U.S. symbols
  - American flag, bald eagle, United States President

#### → Examples:

- ◆ American Flag
  - Associating the flag's colors with America (red, white, and blue are colors worn on patriotic holidays to show support)
  - Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
  - Flown outside government buildings and schools
- ◆ U.S. President
  - George Washington as first president
  - The current U.S. President
    - Joe Biden
  - The Presidential seal
  - Job = leader of the United States
- ◆ Bald Eagle
  - Finding examples of where the bald eagle is displayed (flags, buildings, money, etc.)

### CONTENT BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Information on the American flag:

1. [Kids Britannica: Flag](#)

Information on the bald eagle:

1. [Eagles: National Symbol](#)

Information on the U.S. President:

1. [The White House: Executive Branch](#)
2. [Joe Biden Biography](#)