

Symbols in the Utah State Capitol

When students come to the Capitol building, they will see many symbols representing Utah's mottos, values, and goals. There are also national symbols, like the Bald Eagle, and ancient symbols used in governmental buildings since ancient Roman/Greek times. Teach students what these symbols stand for so they can identify them on their visit. If students can read, have them match the symbol to the name; if not, show them the symbols and talk about each one.

STATE OF UTAH SYMBOLS:

Utah State Flag

California Gull (seagull): Utah State Bird

Sego Lily: Utah State Flower

Beehive: Utah State Emblem (Symbolizes "Industry—Utah State Motto)

Rocky Mountain Elk: Utah State Animal

NATIONAL SYMBOLS:

American Bald Eagle: National Bird (Symbol of Power)

American Flag

ANCIENT SYMBOLS:

Laurel Wreath: Symbol of Victory

Lion: Symbol of Authority and Strength

Wyvern: Symbol of Protection