

Promise Of Liberty: American Symbols

Peoria Riverfront Museum

What does this
symbolize?

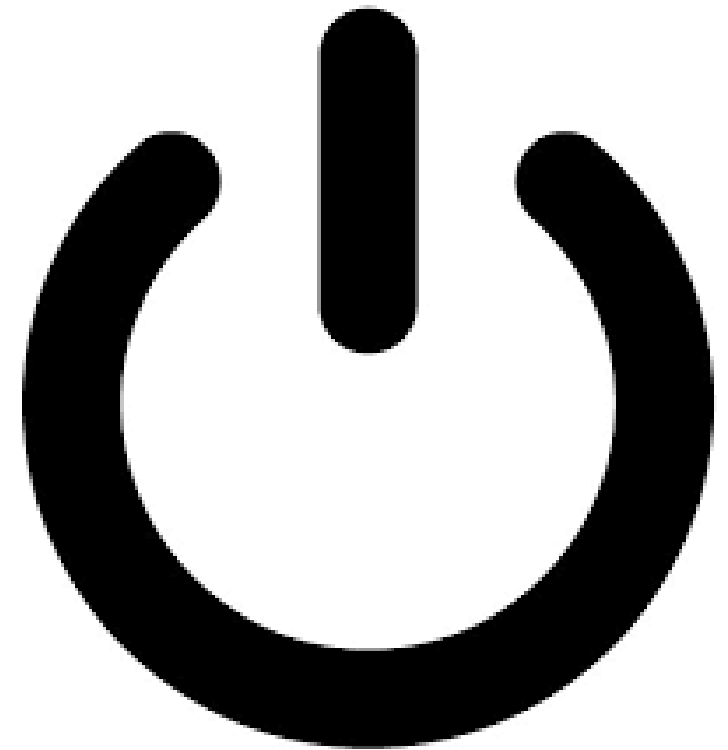


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Stop

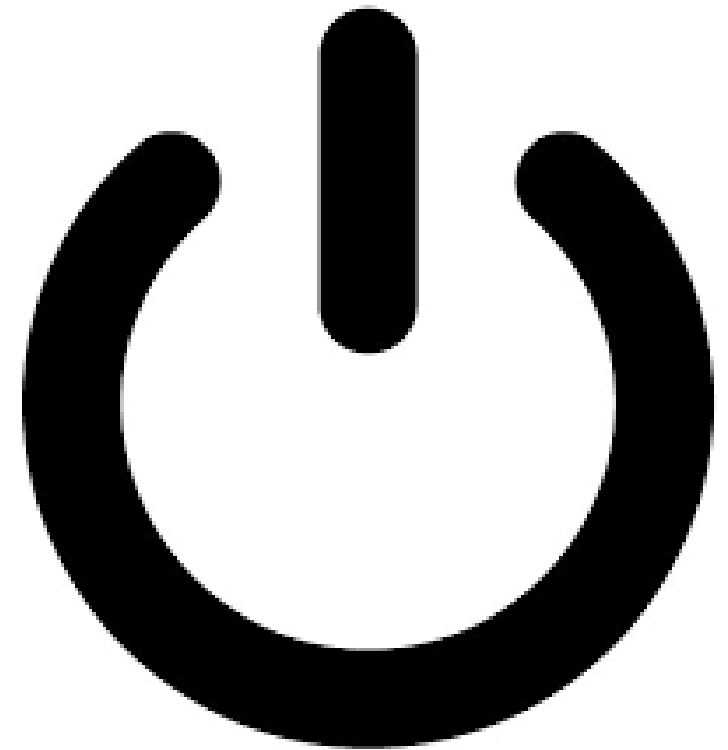


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Power (on/off)



What does this symbolize?



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United States of America

- What colors do we see?
- What could those colors represent?
- How many stars?
- How many stripes?
- What could those represent?



Bald Eagle and the Great Seal (established 1782)

- Since ancient times, the eagle has been considered a sign of **strength**
- Roman legions used the animal as their standard, or symbol.
- Ben franklin called it a “a bird of bad moral character.” in a 1784 letter to his daughter
- **Olive branch**- strength to bring peace
- **Arrows**- strength to bring war



North American Bison - national mammal as of 2016



- The bison, like the bald eagle, has been a symbol of America for its **strength, endurance, dignity, and healthy landscapes and communities** reflecting the pioneer spirit of our country.
- For thousands of years, Natives Americans hunted bison and relied heavily upon them for their survival. Every part of the bison was used for some purpose; nothing ever went to waste. This mammal not only provided food, but also clothing and shelter. Their bones and horns were also made into tools. For many tribes, the bison was and still is central to their way of life.



Liberty Bell- opened as a bell tower in 1752

- Symbolizes **loud pride in the new nation**
- Bears a timeless message: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof"
- Abolitionists, women's suffrage advocates and Civil Rights leaders took inspiration from the inscription on this bell.

Statue Of Liberty – unveiled in 1886

- Symbolizes **freedom, abolition, enlightenment, welcome**
- A torch represents **progress**. Rather than promoting violence or chaos, he wanted to give Lady Liberty a **peaceful** appearance.
- The rays of her crown represent a halo (or aureole). They radiate forward like the sun — another way in which Lady Liberty enlightens the world. It's not a random number either. There are seven rays on the crown, to represent both the seven continents and the seven seas of the world.
- Lady Liberty's feet are surrounded by a broken shackle and chains. It shows her as a goddess free from oppression and servitude, very much reflecting the recent abolition of slavery in the country at the time of her opening.





National Flower Rose - designated as the official flower and floral emblem of the United States of America in 1986.

- The rose is a symbol of love, beauty, war, and politics all over the world.
- The rose grows naturally throughout North America, blooming in several colors, including red, pink, white, or yellow, and can have a wonderfully rich aroma.

Which is your favorite?
Can you think of any others?

