



State Symbols



Each state has an official motto, song, flag, bird, flower, tree, and nickname. Some have adopted other symbols like a state insect, fossil, gem, dog, sport, or food. Follow these steps to learn about your state's official symbols and suggest a new symbol that represents its unique qualities.

1. Find a source that lists your state's official symbols and fill in the ones below.

- State flag (draw a picture and explain briefly):▶

- State bird:

- State flower:

- State tree:

- State motto:▶

- State nickname:

- Name of state song:

2. Think up a symbol your state doesn't already have, which represents something special and positive about it.

- State _____ : _____

3. Explain, in a short essay on the back of this sheet, why your symbol is important to the state and should be adopted by the state legislature. Be creative!

