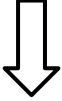
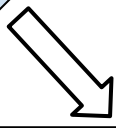
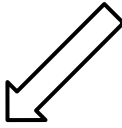


**Essential Question**  
Why do we have national symbols?



**Background Knowledge**  
Every nation has symbols—specific objects that represent beliefs, values, traditions, or other intangible ideas that make that country unique. While these symbols may change over time, they can help to bind a nation together by reminding its people of their nation’s history and most important principles




**Source 1**  
The American Flag



**Strategy Instructions:**  
*Gallery Walk*  
*Photograph Primary Source Analysis*

**Source 2**  
The Statue of Liberty.



**Discussion**  
What is a symbol?  
What types of symbols do you see on the dollar bill?



**Assessment**  
Students can make a paper quilt of American Symbols, including symbols that they have chosen to represent The United States.