

## DAY #2

# Bald Eagles Are Back!

## A Soaring Symbol

### **Bald eagles are safe from danger.**

Good news for the bald eagle! The bird was taken off the U.S. endangered species list. That is a list of animals and plants that are in danger of dying out.

"It's exciting that the bald eagle is back and so healthy. It is a beautiful bird and the symbol of our nation," says Martha Nudel. She is a spokesperson for the National Wildlife Refuge System. "We know that we're protecting the planet in a way that is helping bald eagles and hundreds of other birds."

## **What Was the Danger?**

Bald eagles were in danger because many of them had been killed by hunters. They were also harmed by a chemical called DDT. It had been used to kill insects on farms until 1972.

In 1963, only 417 nesting pairs of bald eagles were left in the continental United States. That included all of the states except Hawaii and Alaska. Today, there are nearly 10,000 pairs.

Though bald eagles are no longer on the endangered species list, they are still protected. Killing a bald eagle is **illegal**, or against the law.

"The bald eagle flying again shows that once we understand a problem, we are going to make changes," says Nudel.

## **Our Nation's Symbols**

The bald eagle is a symbol of our country. It was chosen as our national bird in 1782. Read about some other U.S. symbols.

The faces of four U.S. presidents are carved into **Mount Rushmore**. That is a mountain in South Dakota.

The 50 stars on the **American flag** stand for the 50 states. The 13 stripes stand for the 13 colonies.

The **Liberty Bell** is known for its famous crack. You can visit the bell in Pennsylvania.

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**Directions:** Answer the following four questions based on the information in the passage.

1. Why was the bald eagle in danger?

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2. The article describes how the bald eagle population is coming back. How was this goal achieved?

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3. According to the article, the bald eagle is a symbol for our country. Describe three other symbols of our country.

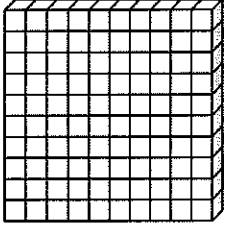
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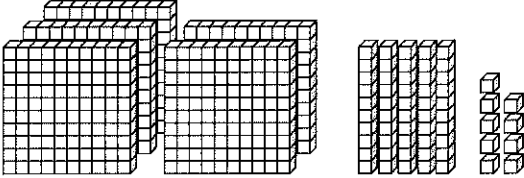


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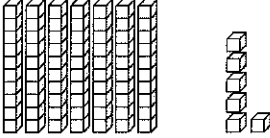


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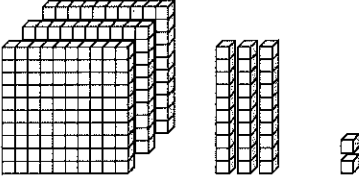
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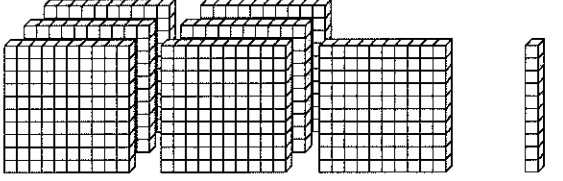
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