



The "Respectable" Turkey



When you think of turkeys, you probably think of Thanksgiving, right? But when Benjamin Franklin, one of America's first leaders, thought of turkeys, he thought of the United States! Benjamin Franklin thought that the turkey, rather than the bald eagle, should be a symbol of our nation. In a letter to his daughter Sally, Franklin wrote about why he felt the turkey would make a good symbol. Read part of Benjamin Franklin's letter and decide for yourself which bird better represents the USA!

Benjamin Franklin's Letter to His Daughter Sally

"For my own part I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen the representative of our country. He is a bird of bad moral character. He does not get his living honestly. You may have seen him **perched** on some dead tree near the river, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the **labor** of the fishing hawk. And when that **diligent** bird has at length taken a fish, and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle **pursues** him and takes it from him.

"With all this **injustice**, he is . . . generally poor and often very lousy. Besides he is a rank **coward**: The little king bird, not bigger than a sparrow, attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district. He is therefore by no means a proper **emblem** for the brave and honest [citizens] of America who have driven all the *King birds* from our country . . .

"The turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and . . . a true original **native** of America . . . He is besides, though a little **vain** & silly, a bird of courage, and would not hesitate to attack a **Grenadier** of the British Guards who should presume to invade his farm yard with a red coat on."

Glossary

coward not brave; fearful

diligent careful and hardworking

emblem symbol

Grenadier soldier

injustice unfairness

labor work

native one who is originally from a certain area

perched sitting or resting

pursues chases

vain proud

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Use the passage to answer the questions. Circle the letter of the best answer.

1) Which of America's early leaders thought the turkey would make a good symbol?

- A. George Washington
- C. Benjamin Franklin

- B. Thomas Jefferson
- D. John Adams

2) According to the letter, what 3 things about the bald eagle make it a bad choice for a national symbol?

- A. It is dishonest, too big, and bald.
- C. It is lazy, ugly, and silly.

- B. It is silly, vain, and brave.
- D. It is dishonest, lazy, and a coward.

3) According to the letter, what does the eagle do that makes it lazy?

- A. It sits in a tree all day long.
- C. It is afraid of smaller birds.

- B. It steals fish that other birds catch.
- D. It does not do any work.

4) According to the letter, why is a turkey a good choice for a national symbol?

- A. It is native to America.
- C. It is respectable.

- B. It is full of courage.
- D. all of the above

5) Which word from this passage means *work*?

- A. job
- C. pursues

- B. labor
- D. diligent



After reading "The 'Respectable' Turkey," write a letter to your teacher about a bird that you feel should be the National Bird. It can be the turkey, the eagle, or another bird of your choosing, but be sure to use details to support your reasoning! Enjoy your break!

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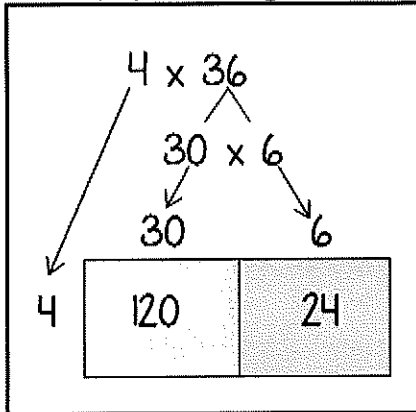
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Practice Sheet

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Use an area model to multiply a multi-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Multiply Using an Area Model



Step 1: Expand the greater factor.

Step 2: Multiply to find partial products.

$$30 \times 4 = 120$$

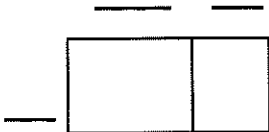
$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

Step 3: Add the partial products.

$$120 + 24 = 144$$

Solve using an area model.

1. 5×48



2. 3×729



3. $2 \times 6,183$



4. 7×26

5. 4×513

6. $8 \times 3,482$

7. In an apple orchard, there are 9 rows of trees. Each row has 285 trees. Use an area model to show the total number of apple trees in the orchard.