



TGA Lesson Plan

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Grade Level: 1st	Course Title: Tennessee's Place in the United States
State Standard(s)	1.21 Identify Tennessee symbols, including: state flag, state tree, state flower, state bird, state animal, and the significance of the state nickname.
Resources	State of Tennessee Web Site (use the links for various state symbols and state paintings) https://sos.tn.gov/products/civic-engagement/state-symbols Paintings: <i>Tennessee Treasures</i> and <i>Tennessee Treasures Too</i> https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-paintings
Time Required	60+ minutes (additional time required for Extension Activities)
Introductory Activity	
<p>Make color copies of the paintings <i>Tennessee Treasures</i> and/or <i>Tennessee Treasures Too</i> (Michael Sloan, artist). Laminate the copies so they can be used multiple times.</p> <p>Give each student or pair of students a laminated copy of the painting(s) and a dry erase marker. Call out the names of several Tennessee state symbols and ask students to locate each one in the painting (such as iris, raccoon, ladybug, mockingbird, tulip poplar tree, passion flower, zebra swallowtail butterfly, freshwater river pearl, etc.). Have students circle the symbols when they are found, and allow them to help others by describing their location within the painting. (Teachers can also complete this activity using technology.)</p> <p>Tell students that the animals, plants, and objects shown in the picture are Tennessee state symbols—objects that are important to our state. Explain that they will be learning about four of the symbols found in the painting as well as the state flag, which is shown below the painting.</p>	
Slide Number(s)	PowerPoint Lesson Outline
1	Title Slide (including state standard in the form of an abbreviated learning target) Ask students if they recognize the flag. Where have they seen the flag flying?
2	State Tree: Read the information on the slide about the tulip poplar tree. Explain that the tree grows to be very tall and has yellow blooms in the late spring or early summer. Assist students in completing numbers 1-2 on the accompanying worksheet. Allow time for students to draw and color their own picture of the state tree on the worksheet.
3	State Flower: Read the information on the slide about the iris. Explain the term “cultivated.” Assist students in completing numbers 4-5 on the accompanying worksheet. Allow time for students to draw and color their own picture of the state flower on the worksheet.

4	<p>State Bird: Read the information on the slide about the mockingbird. Explain the term “mimic.”</p> <p>Assist students in completing numbers 7-8 on the accompanying worksheet. Allow time for students to draw and color their own picture of the state bird on the worksheet.</p>
5	<p>State Animal: Read the information on the slide about the raccoon. Ask student what type of foods they think the raccoon eats.</p> <p>Assist students in completing numbers 10-11 on the accompanying worksheet. Allow time for students to draw and color their own picture of the state animal on the worksheet.</p>
6	<p>State Flag: Read the information on the slide about the state flag. Point out the white outline circle around the blue circle. Point out the white and blue stripes on the fly end of the flag.</p> <p>Assist students in completing numbers 13-14 on the accompanying worksheet. Allow time for students to draw and color their own picture of the state flag on the worksheet.</p>

Extension Exercise 1 Research

Give students an opportunity to research other state symbols to share with the class. Refer to the State of Tennessee web site for information and representative pictures.

- State Trees: tulip poplar and eastern red cedar (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-tree>)
- State Flowers: passion flower, purple coneflower, and iris (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-flowers>)
- State Fish: smallmouth bass and channel catfish (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-fish>)
- State Birds: mockingbird and bobwhite quail (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-birds>)
- State Wild Animal: raccoon (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-wild-animal>)
- State Insects: firefly, ladybug, honeybee, and zebra swallowtail butterfly (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-insects>)
- State Amphibian: Tennessee cave salamander (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-amphibian>)
- State Reptile: eastern box turtle (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-reptile>)
- State Fruit: tomato (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-fruit>)
- State Beverage: milk (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-beverage>)
- State Gem: freshwater river pearl (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-gem>)
- State Rock: limestone (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-rock>)
- State Mineral: agate (<https://sos.tn.gov/products/state-mineral>)

Extension Exercise 2

Design a State Quarter

Introduce students to the Tennessee state quarter and look at the design together. Ask students why they think Tennessee's quarter includes musical instruments.

Tell students that they will have the opportunity to create their own design for a Tennessee quarter. Encourage students to choose their three favorite state symbols to include in their design. Give students the circles needed to create the state quarters. Include directions for completing both the obverse (front) and reverse (back) sides of the coin. Have students write one or two short sentences explaining their designs. Display the quarters in class.

Tennessee State Painting



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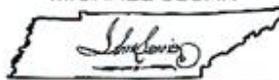


June 1, 1796 16th State

Tennessee Treasures

BY

MICHAEL SLOAN



JOHN SEVIER, FIRST GOVERNOR (1745-1815 AD)



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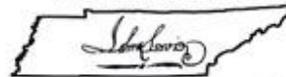


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Tennessee State Symbols



State Tree

The tulip poplar is the official state tree of Tennessee. It was chosen “because it grows from one end of the state to the other.” The first pioneers in Tennessee used the tree’s wood to build houses, barns, and other farm buildings.



State Flower

Tennessee’s official state cultivated flower is the iris. Although the iris can be found in many colors, the purple iris is typically used as the official flower for the state. Tennessee also has two other official flowers: the passion flower and the coneflower.



State Bird

The state bird of Tennessee is the mockingbird. Mockingbirds have a grayish-brown color above and a whitish underside. They also have white-tipped wings. Mockingbirds are good singers, and they have the ability to mimic the songs of other birds.



State Animal

The official state wild animal of Tennessee is the raccoon. A furry animal with a bushy, ringed tail, raccoons also have a band of black hair around their eyes that looks like a mask. They walk with all four feet on the ground and are good swimmers.



State Flag

Like the flag of the United States, Tennessee’s state flag is red, white, and blue. It includes a red field with a blue circle in the center. Inside the blue circle are three white stars. The stars represent the three grand divisions of Tennessee. The flag was designed by LeRoy Reeves.

Tennessee State Symbols

Directions: Use the reading information and the pictures to complete the activities.

1. What is the state tree? _____

2. How did pioneers use the wood of the tree? _____

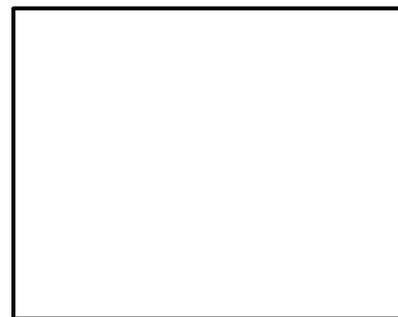
3. Draw and color a picture of the state tree inside the box.



4. What is the state flower? _____

5. What is the main color of the state flower? _____

6. Draw and color a picture of the state flower inside the box.



7. What is the state bird? _____

8. What is the state bird good at doing? _____

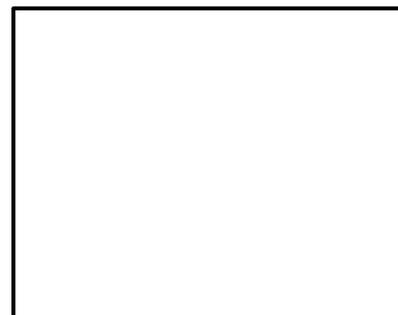
9. Draw and color a picture of the state bird inside the box.



10. What is the state animal? _____

11. What does the state animal look like? _____

12. Draw and color a picture of the state animal inside the box.



13. What are the colors of the state flag? _____

14. Why does the Tennessee flag have three stars? _____

15. Draw and color a picture of the state flag inside the box.

