

## The Bald Eagle

A SOARING SYMBOL

The bald eagle became the national bird of the United States in 1782. It was chosen for its majestic beauty, great strength, long life, and because it is native to North America.

### We Be People

In September 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the United States Constitution. Every year, a day in September is recognized as the day to celebrate the importance of the Constitution. This year it's on September 16. And **Kid Scoop** is celebrating with a page about a great American symbol: The bald eagle!

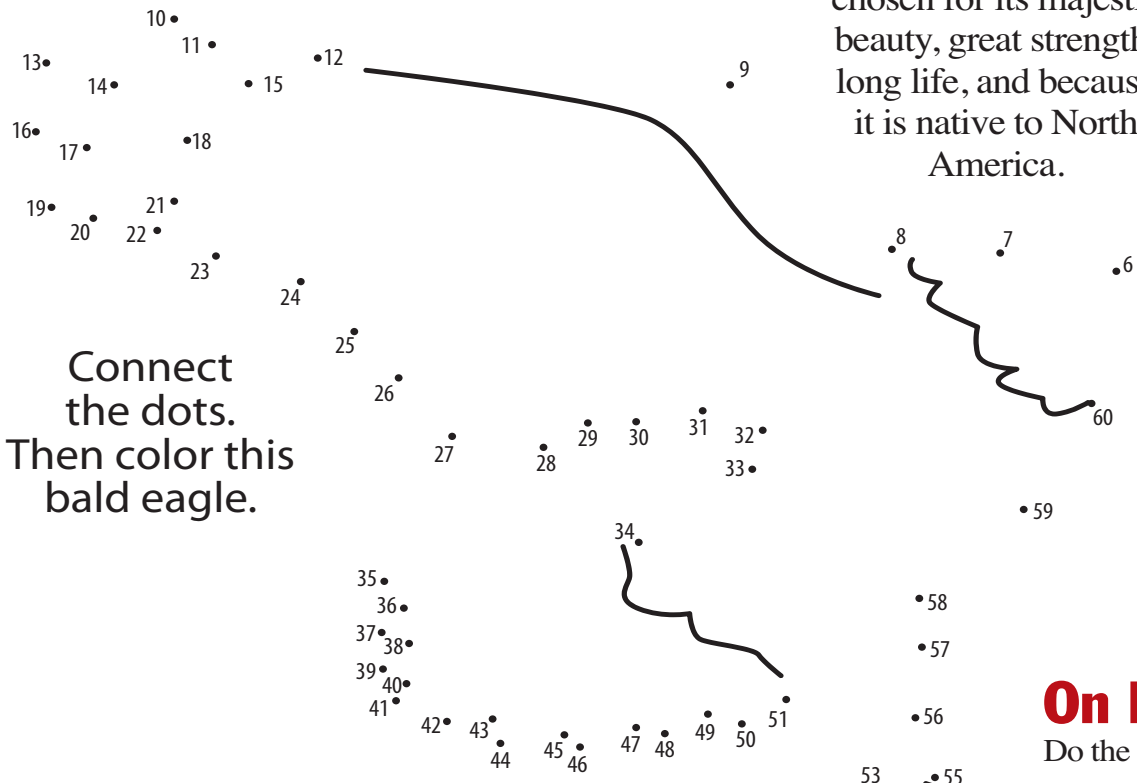
### Eagle Eyes

Have you ever been told you have eagle eyes? If so, that is a compliment. Eagles can see much better than humans. They have to be able to spot a fish or a small animal from hundreds of feet in the air.

### On Eagle's Wings

Do the math to discover amazing bald eagle facts.

- ★ The height of an adult bald eagle is  $16 - 12 =$  \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
- ★ The wings of a bald eagle can span  $2 + 5 + 1 =$  \_\_\_\_\_ feet wide.
- ★ A bald eagle can reach a speed of up to  $75 + 75 + 50 =$  \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour when diving for a meal.



Connect the dots. Then color this bald eagle.

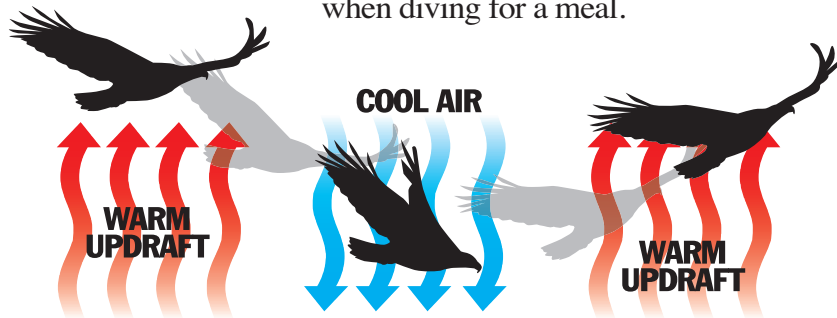
### Eagles Everywhere

The bald eagle can be found on the Great Seal of the United States, on the country's money and in many images of patriotism. This week, look around you and see how many times you see pictures of a bald eagle.



The back of a quarter

The Great Seal can be found on the back of a dollar bill.



A bald eagle's long, broad wings make them good at soaring through the air. On long flights, eagles rarely flap their wings. Instead, they use thermal updrafts. Thermal updrafts are currents of warm air that rise up from the ground. Eagles save energy by flying high in a thermal updraft and then gliding down to catch the next one.

### Eaglets – Awwwwwww!

Eagle chicks are brown and white. The female lays one to three eggs. The eggs take between one to one and a half months to hatch. The male and female take turns sitting on the eggs. After hatching, both the male and female feed the hatchlings until they learn to fly. Eaglets are capable of flying at 10 to 12 weeks old.

Eaglets don't develop their normal white heads and tails until they are four to five years old. In the wild, eagles can live to be 35 years old or more.



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### Extra! Extra!

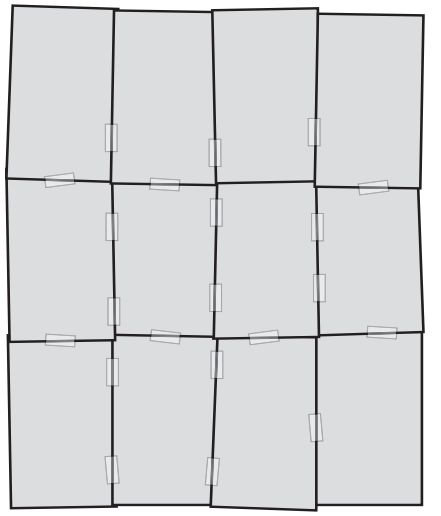
#### What People Say

Select one article from today's newspaper. Highlight or underline all of the quotes in the article.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Make a Life-Sized Newspaper Eagle

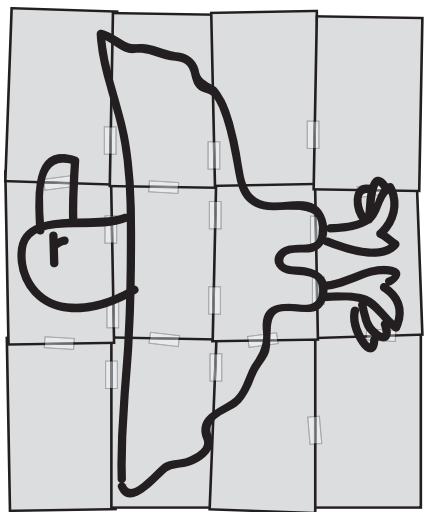
Lay out several newspaper pages and tape them together to make a large sheet of paper about six feet by eight feet.



Complete the "On Eagle's Wings" math activity to find out the height and wing span of an adult eagle. Then work with a partner to measure and mark these points on the newspaper sheet.

- TOP OF THE HEAD
- TALON
- TIP OF LEFT WING
- TIP OF RIGHT WING

Connect the points you measured and draw and color a life-sized bald eagle. Cut out the bald eagle to display in your room!



Learn how to draw an eagle in a few easy steps! Visit: [kidscoop.com/how-to-draw/how-to-draw-an-eagle/](http://kidscoop.com/how-to-draw/how-to-draw-an-eagle/)

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

The scientific name for a bald eagle is *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*. Write the letter that comes before each letter to find out what this means.

X I J U F I F B E F E

T F B F B H M F

A bald eagle isn't really bald. The name comes from an old English word, *balde*, meaning **white**.

If an eagle loses a feather in one wing, the matching one on the other wing also drops off. This keeps the bird in balance.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

L H C I T S E J A M  
A T N A T I O N A L  
M G R A R E L Y C E  
R N I L E O G N I W  
E E S D B E A U T Y  
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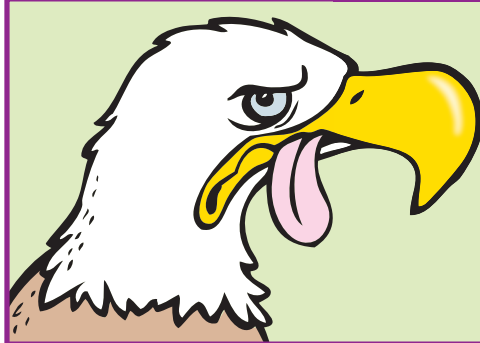
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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#### Freedom of Speech

Look through today's newspaper to find an opinion column or letter. Do you agree with the writer? Why or why not? Write a letter to the editor sharing your opinion.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step written directions.



An eagle with the stomach flu got a ticket for making a left turn. Why?

ANSWER: Because it was ill eagle left turn.

### Write On!

#### Facts & Opinions

Write three to five facts about the Constitution and then write three to five opinions about the Constitution.

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