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# Great Seal of the United States

The picture below shows the Great Seal of the United States of America.

It pictures a bald eagle with an olive branch in its right talon and arrows in its left talon. The olive branch is a symbol of peace. It shows that our country always wants to be peaceful. The arrows are a symbol of war. They show that our country is willing to fight to protect our freedom if we need to.

There are 13 leaves on the olive branch and 13 arrows. There are also 13 stars above the eagle and 13 stripes on the crest. The number 13 represents the number of states our country had when it began.

“E pluribus unum” is a Latin phrase. It means “Out of many, one.” This phrase shows that many states work together to form one strong country.

