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Wisconsin Symbols



Find information in the Wisconsin Heritage Exhibit to answer the questions about each symbol and to explain their significance.

Symbol	Questions	Significance
 <p>The Wisconsin State Seal is a circular emblem with a blue background. It features a central shield with a yellow field containing a red and white striped field, and a blue field containing a white anchor. Above the shield is a banner with the word "FORWARD". On either side of the shield are two figures: a Native American on the left and a settler on the right. Below the shield is the year "1848".</p> <p>Wisconsin State Symbol</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are the symbols on the seal, and what do they represent?2. How has the seal changed over time?	<p>Why is this symbol significant to Wisconsin?</p>
 <p>A photograph of a badger, the state animal of Wisconsin, sitting on the ground.</p> <p>Wisconsin State Animal Badger</p> <p>The Badger State</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why were miners in Wisconsin in the 1800s called badgers?2. Originally the term "badger" was meant to be an insulting nickname. Wisconsinites are now proud to be called badgers and live in the "Badger state." Why is it important to discuss the history of the term "badger" and how it's changed over time in Wisconsin?	<p>Why are the state animal and the state nickname significant to Wisconsin?</p>

We can also learn about the past by studying artifacts (photographs, objects, clothing) and timelines list some artifacts you see on the sign.

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Wisconsin Animals
Explore the American Badger Exhibit.

Animal	Questions	Significance
 <p>American Badger</p>	<p>What did you learn about the badgers?</p>	<p>Why is this animal significant to Wisconsin?</p>
 <p>Bucky Badger</p>	<p>What did you learn about the history of UW mascot Bucky Badger?</p>	<p>Why do you think the UW system chose a badger as their mascot?</p>

UW Madison tried to use a live badger for a mascot, before switching to their current version. They learned that wild animals do NOT make good pets (or mascots). What are some reasons you can think of why badgers should not be kept as pets?