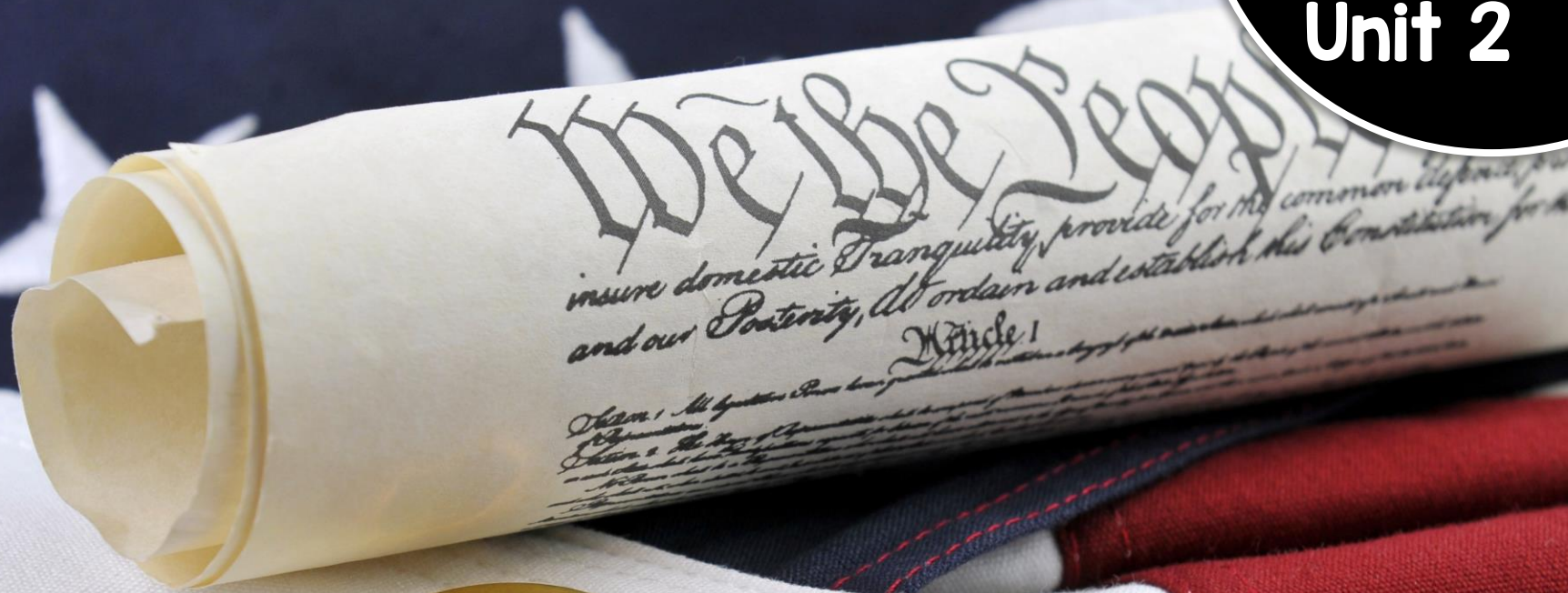


Social Studies Unit 2



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Hey! I am Taleeah. Do you know what I am holding? Yes, the flag of the United States of America! Isn't it beautiful? It's just one of the many symbols that bring Americans pride. America is a beautiful country.

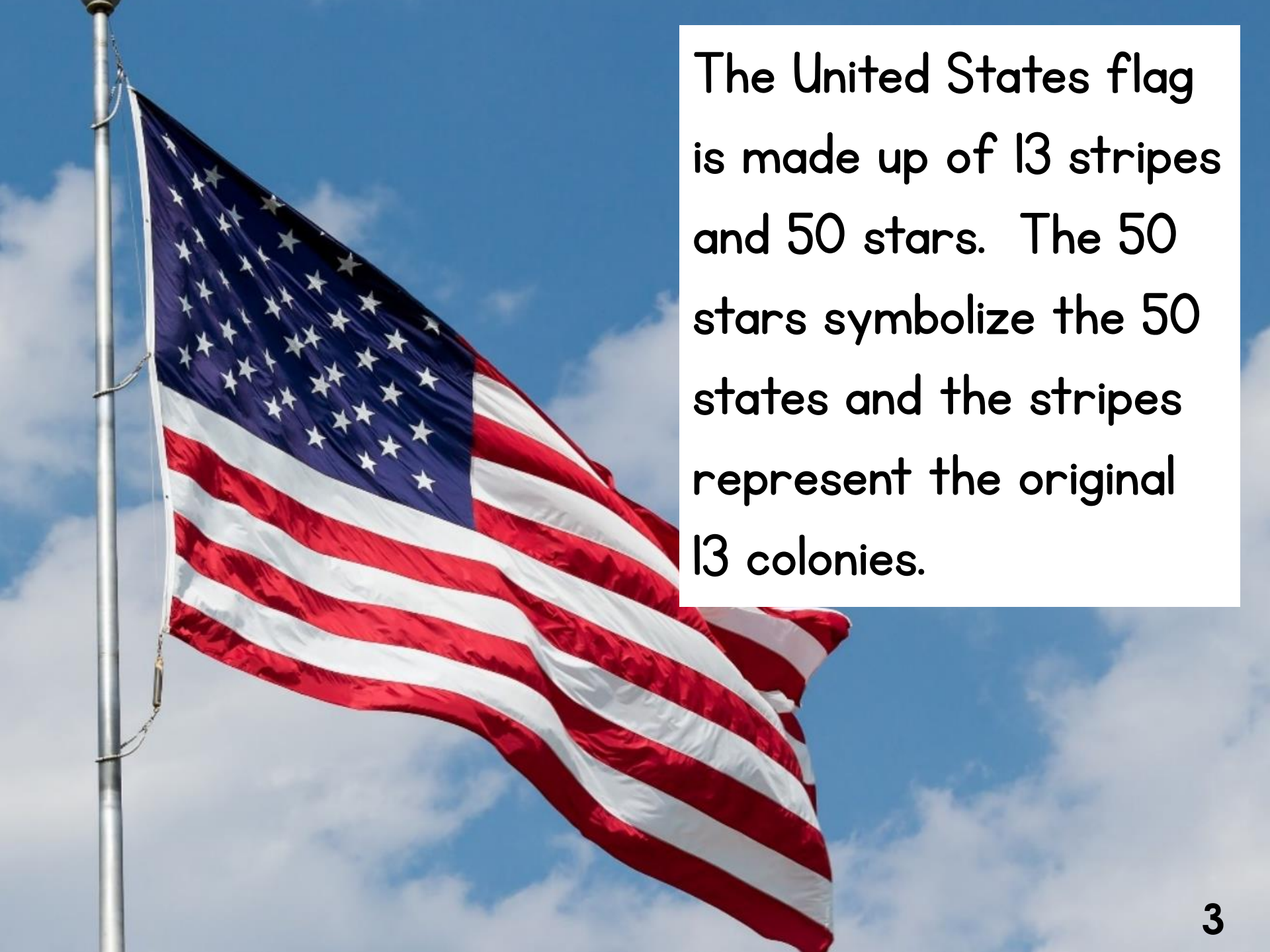


Vocabulary:

pledge: an important promise

allegiance: strongly supporting a person or country

Did you know that we all live in America? There are 50 different states that are all part of America. Which state do you live in? No matter which state you live in, you probably know the **Pledge of Allegiance**. We say the pledge every morning while we place our right hands over our hearts and face the flag.

The United States flag is shown waving on a silver pole against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The flag features 13 horizontal stripes (seven red alternating with six white) and a blue canton with 50 small, white, five-pointed stars.

The United States flag is made up of 13 stripes and 50 stars. The 50 stars symbolize the 50 states and the stripes represent the original 13 colonies.



Did you know that the flag was not always 13 stripes and 50 stars? When the United States was first formed, the flag was made by Betsy Ross and had 13 stars in a circular pattern and 13 red and white strips. Wow, it has changed a lot!

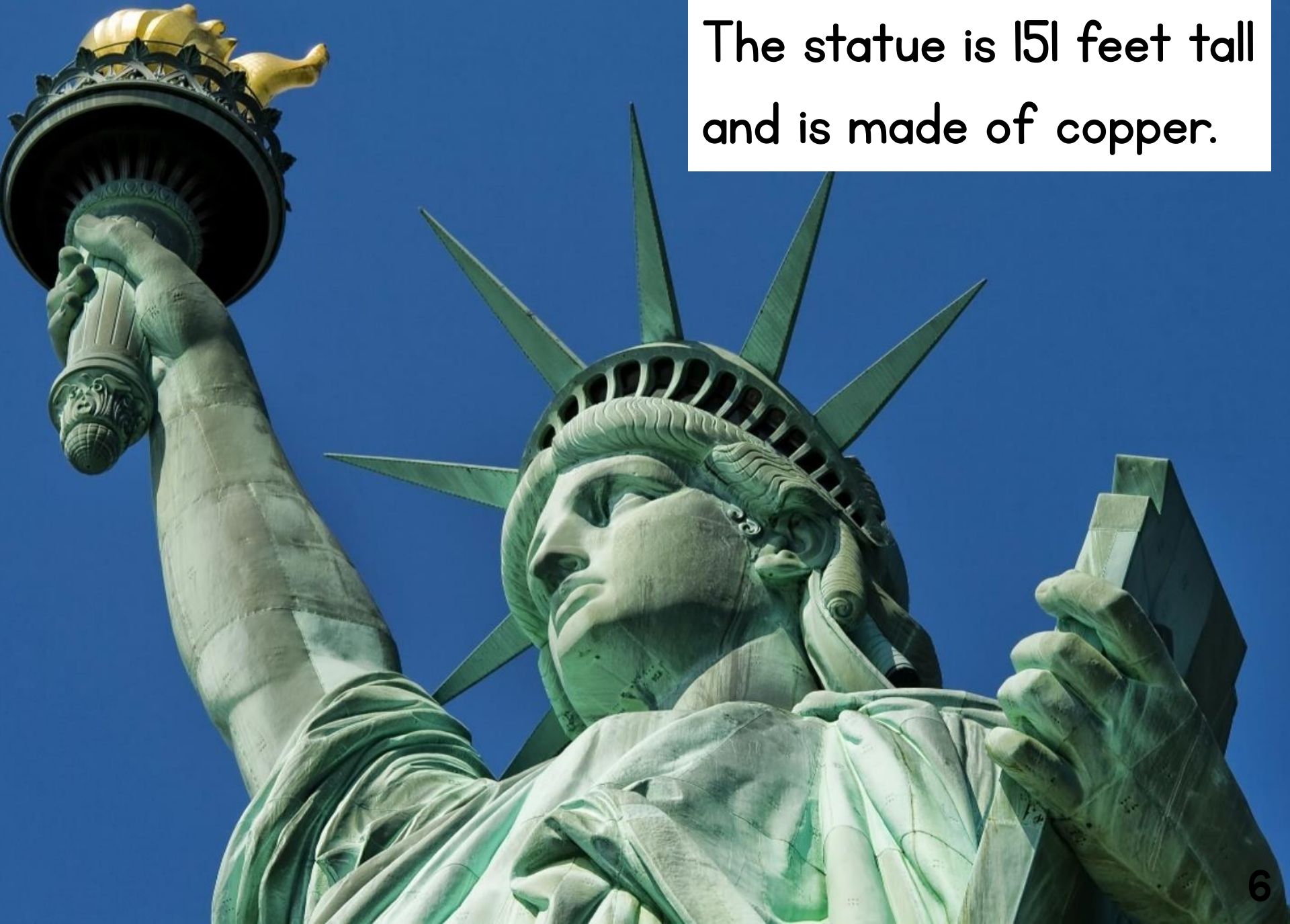



Vocabulary:

democracy: a belief that all people are equal and should be treated equally

Like I said, there are many other symbols that bring pride to Americans. One is the Statue of Liberty. It is beautiful! France gave it to us a long time ago as a gift. You can see the Statue of Liberty in New York. To many, it is a sign of freedom and **democracy.**

The statue is 151 feet tall
and is made of copper.





Here is the White House. Do you know who lives here? It is home to the president. Every president has lived here except George Washington.

Fun Facts:

132 rooms, 35

bathrooms, 412 doors,

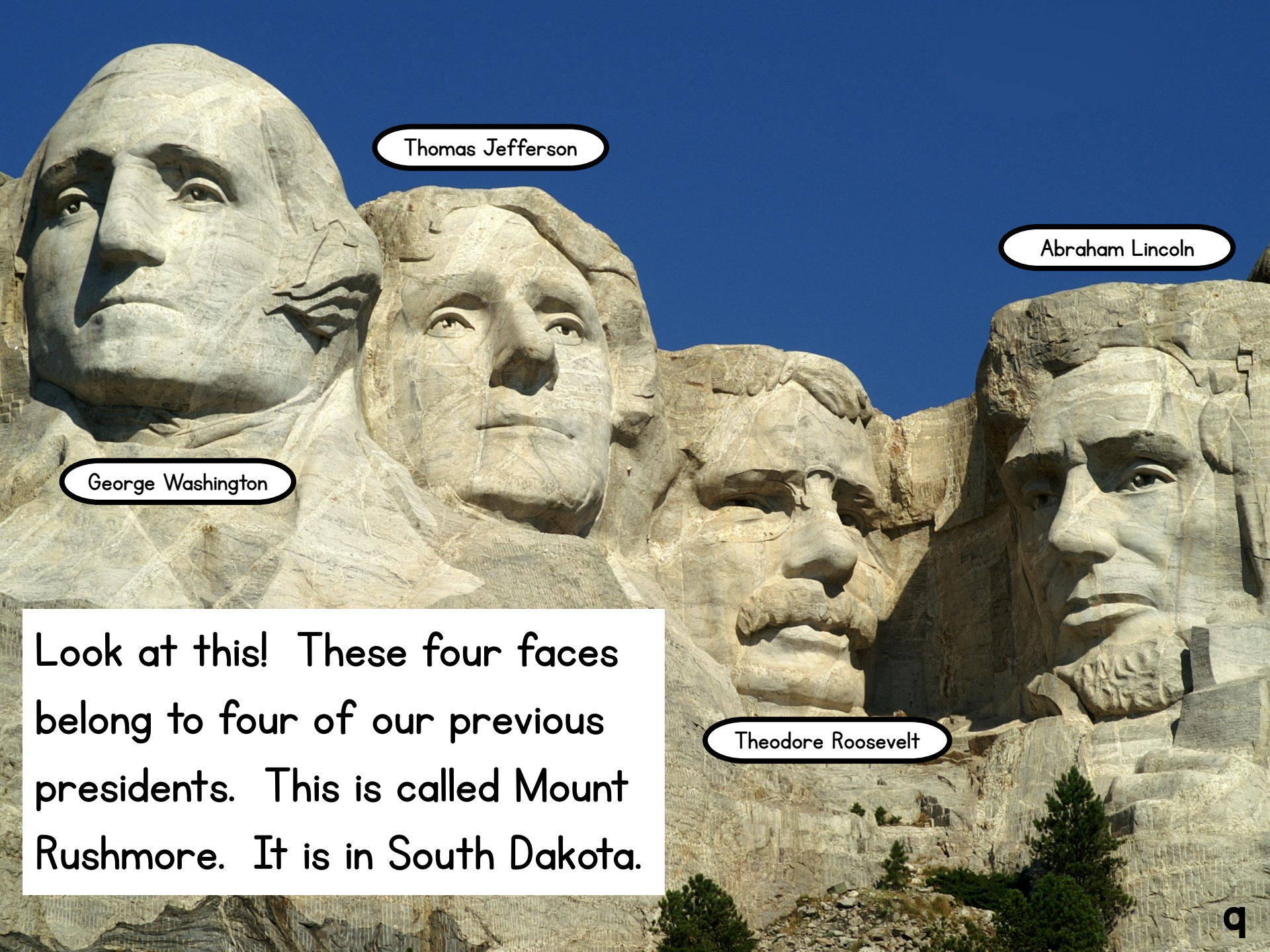
147 windows, 28

fireplaces, 8 staircases

and 3 elevators

Do you know what kind of bird this is? That's right! It is a bald eagle. The bald eagle is the national bird. The eagle is even shown on our national seal. Many see strength and beauty when they see a bald eagle fly.





Thomas Jefferson

Abraham Lincoln

George Washington

Theodore Roosevelt

Look at this! These four faces belong to four of our previous presidents. This is called Mount Rushmore. It is in South Dakota.



Look at this bell. It is really big and old and is in Philadelphia, PA. It is called the Liberty Bell. The bell is a symbol of liberty or freedom. Stories say that this bell was rung in 1776 on July, 8th to celebrate the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Look closely and you will see the crack.



Well, talking about the many American symbols was fun but my mom just got home. She is an American soldier in the military! Bye!