

Resource 2.3

Official EU Symbols: Teacher's Guidance



Consider using this resource as a basis for discussion about how symbols can unite and divide societies. You could also refer to CCEA's Local and Global Citizenship folder on Diversity and Inclusion for activities about symbols.

Create opportunities to:

- examine corporate identity in big businesses, such as McDonald's;
- discuss what the EU motto means and compare it with other mottos they know, such as their school motto;
- investigate your school's symbol and how it originated.

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Question	Answer
	This is the European Flag. The 12 stars in a circle symbolise the ideas of unity, solidarity and harmony among the peoples of Europe.
	The European Anthem The melody comes from the Ninth Symphony by Beethoven. When used as the European anthem, no words are used.
	<i>"United in Diversity"</i> This is the motto of the EU.
	Europe Day The ideas behind the European Union were first put forward on 9 May 1950 by French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman. Now 9 May is celebrated as the EU's birthday.