

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



1- Identify the following elements on the seal

- A grizzly bear
- Grapes
- A sheaf of grains
- The Sierra Nevada
- Minerva, Roman goddess of war and wisdom
- A shield of Medusa
- A miner digging
- Sailing ships
- A river
- Stars
- The state motto

2- What element is a symbol for:

- Politics and power
- Agriculture
- Gold Rush
- Business and Trade
- Natural landscapes
- Joining the Union (USA)- 1850
- Finding something
- State animal

3- Describe and analyze the symbols of the Great Seal of California

Use the following expressions to locate the different elements that compose the picture

- In the background = à l'arrière plan
- In the foreground = au premier plan
- On the left = à gauche

- On the right = à droite
- At the bottom = en bas
- At the top / on top of .. = en haut

We can see .../ There is ... / There are....

Use the following verbs to explain symbolism

to represent / to symbolize / to epitomize / to be the emblem of.../ to be the symbol for...

→ Example

We can see a grizzly bear at the bottom of the seal, in the foreground.

The grizzly is the emblem of California. It symbolizes the State animal. It is also present on the flag of California.
