



## The Bald Eagle

The Bald Eagle is a majestic bird. The adult bird has a brown body, brown wings, white head, and large, hooked yellow bill. Younger birds appear all brown.

Bald Eagles almost always live near water because their main food source is fish. Sometimes, however, Bald Eagles will eat dead animals (carrion). They will even steal food from other birds such as ospreys and gulls! It was for this reason that the famous Patriot Benjamin Franklin preferred the Wild Turkey as America's National symbol. Nevertheless, the Bald Eagle remains America's symbol.

### 1.) Benjamin Franklin thought....

- A.) the bald eagle was a fine choice for America's symbol.
- B.) the wild turkey was a better choice as America's symbol than the Bald Eagle.
- C. the bald eagle was a better choice as America's symbol than the wild turkey.
- D.) Neither the bald eagle nor the wild turkey were good choices as America's symbol.

### 2.) How are younger bald eagles different from adult bald eagles?

- A.) They have lighter bodies.
- B.) They have black bills.
- C.) They are totally brown.
- D.) They are smaller.

**3.) What color is the bald eagle's bill?**

- A.) Black.
- B.) Brown.
- C.) Yellow.
- D.) White.

**4.) The author seemed surprised that...**

- A.) bald eagles have white heads.
- B.) bald eagles eat fish.
- C.) the bald eagle is America's symbol.
- D.) bald eagles steal food from other birds.

**5.) Why do Bald Eagles usually live near water?**

- A.) They eat fish.
- B.) To protect the nest from predators.
- C.) Bald Eagles like to swim.
- D.) Bald Eagles like to steal food.