

The Great Seal Search

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Search the Home Page to answer this question:

1. When did Congress officially adopt the Great Seal? (date) _____

Search the page titled E Pluribus Unum to answer the next question:

2. What does the Latin phrase "e pluribus unum" mean? _____

Search the page titled Annuit Coeptis to fill in the following blanks:

3. Annuit means to _____, to _____, to _____.
4. Coeptis means _____, _____.
5. Who is smiling upon the beginnings of our nation? _____
6. What symbol represents Providence? _____

Search the page titled Pyramid to complete the following responses:

7. A pyramid signifies _____ and _____.
8. Why is the pyramid unfinished? _____

Search the page titled Bald Eagle to complete the following:

9. Although not specifically mentioned, clearly the American Eagle on the Great Seal represents _____ and _____.

Search the page titled Shield to complete in the following:

10. Symbolism of the Shield: The shield is composed of the blue _____ (top horizontal bar) and the red and white _____ (thirteen vertical stripes) which represent the several states all joined in one solid compact entire, supporting a Chief which unites the whole and represents _____. The motto, E Pluribus Unum, alludes to this union.
11. How many preliminary shield designs came before the final design? _____

Search the page **MDCCLXXVI** to find the meaning of the Roman numeral.

12. What does the Roman numeral signify? _____
13. Why is it paired with Novus Ordo Seclorum? _____

14. What do the arrows and olive branch symbolize? _____

15. Look on the Bald Eagle page to find a link to the "Eagle landing on the moon." What does that mean? _____