

# Educator Overview

Artist of the People: American Symbols in Art



<b>Audience</b>	Grade levels K-5	Subject The Arts Social Studies	Topic Visual Arts U.S History
<b>Guiding Question</b>	How do national symbols reflect the shared values, principles and beliefs of the American identity?		
<b>Background Knowledge</b>	Activity 1: <b>Narrative</b> introducing students to Thomas Nast, the artist, and the canteen		
<b>Guiding Question #1 Activities</b>	Activity 2: <b>Hotspot</b> exploring the American symbols on the canteen  Activity 3: <b>Annotations</b> inviting students to create their own symbol for their classroom		
<b>Other Notes</b>  (Supplies needed, independent vs. whole class engagement)	This resource kit is designed for either independent student use or whole classroom engagement.  In the last activity, students are asked to design their own symbol. They can do this on the digital platform or on a blank piece of paper. If the students will be doing it on a blank piece of paper, they will need writing/coloring implements to complete the task.  The canteen is on display at Macculloch Hall Historical Museum in Morristown, NJ.		