

French civic exam: the symbols of the Republic

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The official symbols 6 questions

Remember: The Constitution names the tricolour flag, La Marseillaise and the motto. The symbol of the Republic appears on official State websites ending in .gouv.fr.

Trap: The Eiffel Tower, the beret, the baguette, the fleur-de-lis, the royal crown and the imperial eagle are not symbols of the Republic.

Which of these is one of the symbols of the French Republic? In French: Quel est l'un des symboles de la République française ? **The blue, white and red flag**
In French: Le drapeau bleu, blanc, rouge **Multi-year card**

Which of these symbols officially represents the French Republic? In French: Lequel de ces symboles représente officiellement la République française ?
The tricolour flag In French: Le drapeau tricolore **Multi-year card**

Which of these are official symbols of the French Republic? In French: Quels sont des symboles officiels de la République française ?
The tricolour flag, La Marseillaise and the motto In French: Le drapeau tricolore, la Marseillaise et la devise **Multi-year card · Resident card**

On which websites can you find the symbol of the French Republic? In French: Sur quel site internet peut-on retrouver le symbole de la République française ?
On official State websites ending in .gouv.fr In French: Sur les sites officiels de l'État, en .gouv.fr **Resident card**

Which of these symbols represents the French Republic? In French: Lequel de ces symboles représente la République française ?
The blue, white and red flag In French: Le drapeau bleu, blanc, rouge **Naturalisation**

Which are official symbols of the French Republic? In French: Lesquels sont des symboles officiels de la République française ?
The tricolour flag, La Marseillaise and the motto of the Republic In French: Le drapeau tricolore, La Marseillaise et la devise de la République
Naturalisation

The tricolour flag 3 questions

Remember: Blue, white, red: three colours, hence the name tricolour. Burning it in public to insult it is punishable by law.

Which symbol of the French Republic is tricolour? In French: Quel symbole de la République française est tricolore ? **The flag** In French: Le drapeau
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What are the colours of the French flag? In French: Quelles sont les couleurs du drapeau français ? **Blue, white, red** In French: Bleu, blanc, rouge
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Can you publicly burn a French flag? In French: Peut-on brûler publiquement un drapeau français ? **No, it is punishable by law**
In French: Non, c'est puni par la loi **Resident card · Naturalisation**

La Marseillaise 5 questions

Remember: The national anthem, written in 1792 by Rouget de Lisle. "Allons enfants de la Patrie, le jour de gloire est arrivé !" and "Aux armes, citoyens ! Formez vos bataillons !"

Trap: La Marseillaise is the anthem of France. The European Union's anthem is the Ode to Joy.

What is the name of the national anthem? In French: Quel est le nom de l'hymne national ? **La Marseillaise** **Multi-year card**

What is La Marseillaise? In French: Qu'est-ce que la Marseillaise ? **The national anthem of France** In French: L'hymne national de la France
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Complete these words of La Marseillaise: "Aux armes [...] ! Formez vos bataillons" ("To arms [...] ! Form your battalions")
In French: Complétez ces paroles de la Marseillaise : "Aux armes [...] ! Formez vos bataillons" **citoyens (citizens)** In French: citoyens **Resident card**

Complete the words of La Marseillaise: "Allons enfants de la patrie [...]" ("Arise, children of the Fatherland [...]")
In French: Complétez les paroles de la Marseillaise : "Allons enfants de la patrie [...]" **Le jour de gloire est arrivé ! (The day of glory has arrived!)**
In French: Le jour de gloire est arrivé ! **Resident card · Naturalisation**

Who was Rouget de Lisle? In French: Qui était Monsieur Rouget de Lisle ? **The author of La Marseillaise, the national anthem**
In French: L'auteur de La Marseillaise, l'hymne national **Naturalisation**

The motto 6 questions

Remember: "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité", written into the Constitution and on the front of town halls and state schools. Equality: the same rights and duties for all citizens. Fraternity: solidarity and mutual help.

Trap: Equality does not mean the same salary for everyone.

"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" (Liberté, égalité, fraternité) is: In French: "Liberté, égalité, fraternité", c'est : **the motto of the French Republic**
In French: la devise de la République française **Multi-year card**

Where can you see the motto of the Republic? In French: Où peut-on voir la devise de la République ? **On the front of town halls and state schools**
In French: Sur le fronton des mairies et des écoles publiques **Multi-year card · Naturalisation**

What does the word "fraternity" mean in the French motto? In French: Que signifie le mot "fraternité" dans la devise française ?
Solidarity and mutual help between people In French: La solidarité et l'entraide entre les personnes **Multi-year card · Naturalisation**

What is the motto of the French Republic? In French: Quelle est la devise de la République française ? **Liberty, Equality, Fraternity**
In French: Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité **Multi-year card · Naturalisation**

What is the motto of France? In French: Quelle est la devise de la France ? **"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity"** In French: « Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité »
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One of the values in the Republic's motto is equality. What does this mean?
In French: Une des valeurs de la devise républicaine est l'égalité. Qu'est-ce que cela signifie ? **All citizens have the same rights and the same duties**
In French: Tous les citoyens ont les mêmes droits et les mêmes devoirs **Resident card · Naturalisation**

Marianne 6 questions

Remember: A female figure who represents the Republic. She wears a Phrygian cap, a symbol of liberty, and appears on postage stamps.

Trap: Marianne is not a queen: she wears a Phrygian cap, not a crown.

Who is Marianne?	In French: Qui est Marianne ?	A female figure who represents the Republic	In French: Une figure de femme qui représente la République
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What does Marianne represent?	In French: Que représente Marianne ?	The French Republic	In French: La République française Resident card
On which item can you see Marianne?	In French: Sur quel document peut-on voir Marianne ?	On French postage stamps	
In French: Sur les timbres-poste français Resident card · Naturalisation			
Which of these figures is linked to the French Republic?	In French: Lequel de ces personnages a un lien avec la République française ?	Marianne	
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Which of these first names brings to mind a symbol of the Republic?	In French: Lequel de ces prénoms évoque un symbole de la République ?	Marianne	
Naturalisation			
What does Marianne wear on her head?	In French: Que porte Marianne sur la tête ?	A Phrygian cap	In French: Un bonnet phrygien Naturalisation

The Gallic rooster 2 questions

Remember: The rooster is a symbol of France. It is on the French football team's shirt.

Which animal is a symbol of France?	In French: Quel animal est un symbole de la France ?	The rooster	In French: Le coq Multi-year card
Which symbol of the Republic can be seen on the shirts of the French national football team?	In French: Quel symbole de la République peut-on voir sur les maillots de l'équipe de France de football ?	The Gallic rooster	In French: Le coq gaulois
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14 July 7 questions

Remember: The national holiday since 1880, in memory of the storming of the Bastille (1789) and the Festival of the Federation (1790). A military parade takes place on the Champs-Élysées.

Trap: It is not the 1918 Armistice, Labour Day or the Allied victory in 1945.

What does the date of 14 July correspond to?	In French: À quoi correspond la date du 14 juillet ?	The French national holiday	
In French: À la fête nationale française Multi-year card			
What is the date of the French national holiday?	In French: Quelle est la date de la fête nationale française ?	14 July	In French: Le 14 juillet Multi-year card
What is traditionally held on the Champs-Élysées on 14 July to celebrate the national holiday?	In French: Qu'est ce qui est traditionnellement organisé sur les Champs Élysées le 14 juillet pour célébrer la fête nationale ?	A military parade	
In French: Un défilé militaire Multi-year card			
What is celebrated on 14 July?	In French: Que célèbre-t-on le 14 juillet ?	The national holiday, in memory of the storming of the Bastille	
In French: La fête nationale, en souvenir de la prise de la Bastille Multi-year card			
Which celebration is French?	In French: Quelle fête est française ?	The national holiday on 14 July	In French: La fête nationale du 14 juillet Resident card
What does the national holiday commemorate?	In French: Que commémore la fête nationale ?	The storming of the Bastille (1789) and the Festival of the Federation (1790)	In French: La prise de la Bastille (1789) et la fête de la Fédération (1790)
Naturalisation			
What does the date of 14 July mean for the French?	In French: Que signifie la date du 14 juillet pour les Français ?	It is the national holiday, in memory of the storming of the Bastille	In French: C'est la fête nationale, en souvenir de la prise de la Bastille Naturalisation

The French language 1 question

Remember: French is the language of the Republic, written into the Constitution.

What is the place of the French language in the Republic?	In French: Quelle est la place de la langue française dans la République ?	It is the language of the Republic, written into the Constitution	In French: C'est la langue de la République, inscrite dans la Constitution
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The symbols of the European Union 5 questions

Remember: Motto: "United in diversity". Anthem: Beethoven's Ode to Joy. Flag: a circle of 12 golden stars on a blue background.

Trap: 12 stars, not 27: the number 12 stands for unity, not the number of countries.

What is the motto of the European Union?	In French: Quelle est la devise de l'Union européenne ?	"United in diversity"	In French: « Unie dans la diversité »
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What is the anthem of the European Union?	In French: Quel est l'hymne de l'Union européenne ?	Beethoven's Ode to Joy	
In French: L'Ode à la joie de Beethoven Resident card · Naturalisation			
What does the European flag consist of?	In French: De quoi est composé le drapeau européen ?	A circle of 12 golden stars on a blue background	
In French: Un cercle de 12 étoiles dorées sur fond bleu Resident card · Naturalisation			
What colour is the European flag?	In French: De quelle couleur est le drapeau européen ?	Blue, with yellow (golden) stars	
In French: Bleu, avec des étoiles jaunes (dorées) Resident card			
Who composed the anthem of the European Union?	In French: Qui a composé l'hymne de l'Union européenne ?	Ludwig van Beethoven	Naturalisation

Don't mix them up

France or the European Union?		
	 France	 European Union
MOTTO	Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité Liberty, Equality, Fraternity	« Unie dans la diversité » “United in diversity”
ANTHEM	La Marseillaise	L'Ode à la joie de Beethoven Beethoven's Ode to Joy
FLAG	Bleu, blanc, rouge Blue, white, red	Un cercle de 12 étoiles dorées sur fond bleu A circle of 12 golden stars on a blue background

Symbol of the Republic, or not?	
OFFICIAL SYMBOLS	
Le drapeau tricolore The tricolour flag	La Marseillaise
Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité Liberty, Equality, Fraternity	
NOT SYMBOLS OF THE REPUBLIC	
La tour Eiffel The Eiffel Tower	Le béret basque The Basque beret
La baguette de pain The baguette	La fleur de lys The fleur-de-lis
La couronne royale The royal crown	L'aigle impérial The imperial eagle

14 July, not another date 14 July À la fête nationale française The French national holiday
11 November À l'anniversaire de l'armistice de 1918 The anniversary of the 1918 Armistice
1 May À la fête du Travail Labour Day
8 May À la victoire des Alliés en 1945 The Allied victory in 1945

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