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**Unit:** Tennessee history/government

**Lesson Title:** Tennessee State Seal

**Grade Level:** 7<sup>th</sup>

**Era:** 3- Revolution and the New Nation (1754-1820)

**Essential Question related to Vital Theme:**

What can you learn about 18<sup>th</sup> century Tennessee from the state seal?

**Lesson Time:** One class period.

**Technology used and how:** Internet and Tennessee Blue Book web site.

**Materials:** Computer Lab

**Activity Description and Overview of Instructional Strategies:**

The students will learn about the symbols that make up the Seal, which is the primary source, from the Tennessee Blue Book web site. The site details the meaning of the symbols and why they were used and lists other pertinent information as the secondary source.

Instructional strategies used will be fact-based questioning and discussion.

**Assessment:**

Students will write a newspaper article describing why these symbols were chosen for the seal.