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Arizona State Quarter



Color the Arizona State Quarter. How many symbols can you find on the Arizona state quarter and why are they important to the state? What is the state nickname? In what year did Arizona become a state?

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Arizona State Quarter: Teacher's Notes

The Arizona state quarter features the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A rising sun in the upper background has rays extending outward, similar to the design on the state flag. In the foreground stands a tall saguaro cactus with several arms curving upward. The saguaro cactus grows only in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona and its blossom (not shown) is the state flower. A banner reading "Grand Canyon State" separates the canyon and cactus scenes.

The top of the coin bears the inscriptions "Arizona" and "1912." Arizona was admitted into the Union as the 48th state on February 14, 1912. State quarter releases coincided with each state's entry into the Union. Thus, the Arizona quarter was the 48th release in the United States Mint's popular 50 State Quarters series.

At the bottom of the coin is the release date of 2008, and the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum" which means "Out of many, one." Originally implying that out of many colonies or states emerges a single nation, it has also come to suggest that out of many peoples, races, religions and ancestries have emerged a single people and nation – illustrating the concept of the melting pot.