**Symbols Word Connections**

Description:

Students will use letter tiles to spell the symbols of Arkansas words.

Standards:

Arkansas History:

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| H.6.K.2 Identify state symbols of Arkansas: |
| Flag |
| tree |
| Insect |
| Beverage |
| H.6.1.2 Identify state symbols of Arkansas: |
| Flower |
| Bird |
| fruit/vegetable |
| folk dance |
| Instrument |
| H.6.1.9 Understand that the name of Arkansas originated from the Quapaw Indians |
| H.6.2.2 Identify state symbols of Arkansas: |
| Gem |
| Mineral |
| Rock |
| Mammal |
| Anthem |

Common Core:

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2/d/) Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.1.2d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/1/2/d/) Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.2d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/2/2/d/) Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words

Materials:

Letter tiles:

* One set per small group
* Copied on cardstock
* Laminated
* Cut out

Word list

Procedure:

1. Have the students clear all materials from their desks.
2. Divide the class into small groups.
3. Give each group a set of letter tiles and a word list.
4. Have each group make as many symbol words as possible using a crossword-style pattern. The actual symbol must be used not the topic (diamond not gem). If the symbol is comprised of 2 words, such as square dance, it will count as two words. No space between the words and no hyphens.

Closure:

The group with the most words is the winner.

**Word List**

Square Dance

Pine

Diamond

Diana Fritillary

Fiddle

Mockingbird

Rice

Deer

Honeybee

Crystal

Milk

Dutch Oven

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