



ARMENIA

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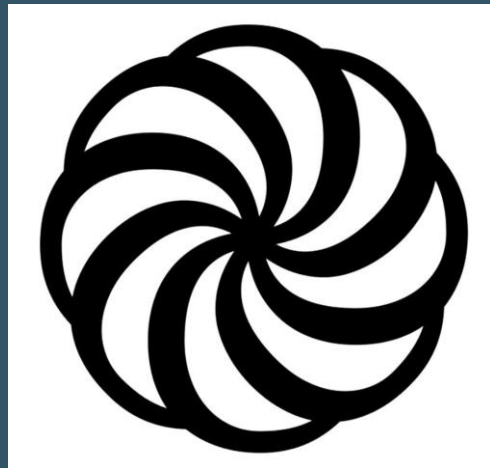


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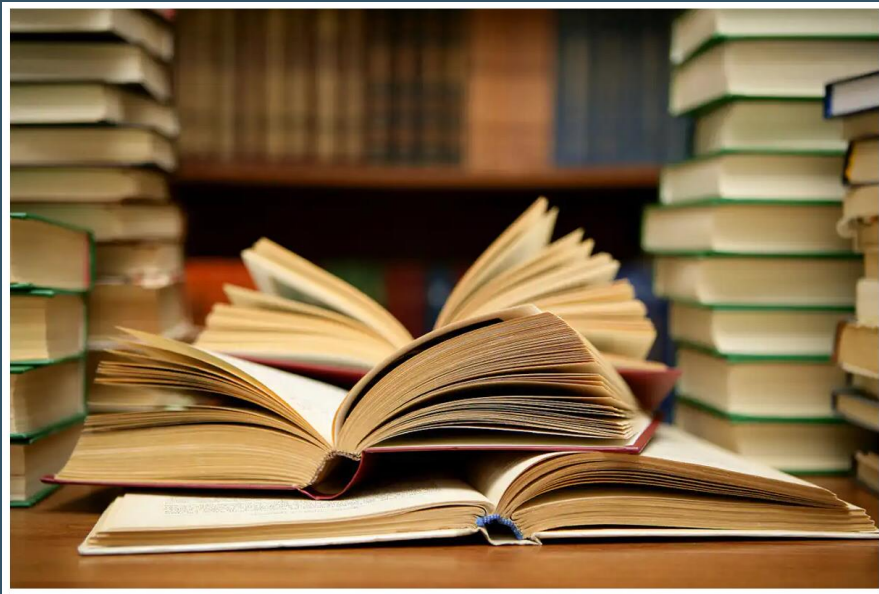
- The flag of Armenia is tricolor(red, blue and orange). Red symbolizes the struggle of the Armenian people, blue symbolizes the desire for peace and orange is the diligence of the Armenian people;
- The national coat of arms of Armenia was adopted on April, 19th 1992. It consists of a lion and an eagle together holding a shield. They represent the courage of the Armenian people and also the creative talent and peace of this nation.

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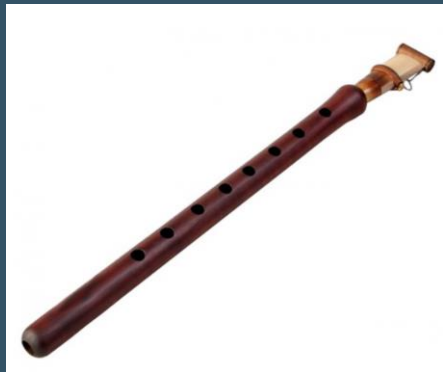
- Eternity sign : the sign of eternity is an ancient Armenian national symbol which can be found in many places specially on khachkarsh (cross stones) and on the walls of churches. It symbolizes the eternity and prosperity of the country.
- Forget-me-not flower : this flower was chosen as the symbol for the commemoration of the Centennial of the Armenian genocide.

Education



- Education in Armenia is free and it's mandatory until the end of secondary school.
- Armenia's public educational system is manifested in four levels of schooling : preprimary (3-6 years); primary (grades 1 to 3); intermediate (grades 4 to 8) and senior (grades 9 to 10).

Curiosities



- Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as a state religion.
- Khachkar is a cross stone included in the list of UNESCO's intangible world heritage.
- Carpet weaving is a traditional craft in Armenia. Many local companies produce handmade rugs which are considered a piece of art.
- Duduk : is a musical instrument made from aged wood that is also included on UNESCO's list of intangible world heritage.