On September 12, 1782, Elizabeth Zane made a daring run to procure gunpowder for the defenders of Fort Henry, who were besieged by a Native American force.

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Investigate the Document: (West Virginia State Archives Collection)
1. In 1782, this animal was chosen as the national symbol for the United States and is depicted on the flag flying in Image 1 at Ft. Henry.

2. Using the date listed on the Image 2, Native Americans and Rangers from this European power were responsible for the siege on Fort Henry.

Think Critically: Elizabeth Zane's run is one of the few West Virginia history stories whose hero is a female. Identify the different roles women have played in West Virginia history (e.g., settlement, wars, workplace, politics).
Betty Zane in blockhouse, preparing to carry the powder back to Fort Henry during siege of 1782. Reproduced from an early painting.