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Including When Each State Joined the Union

Flags of Our States

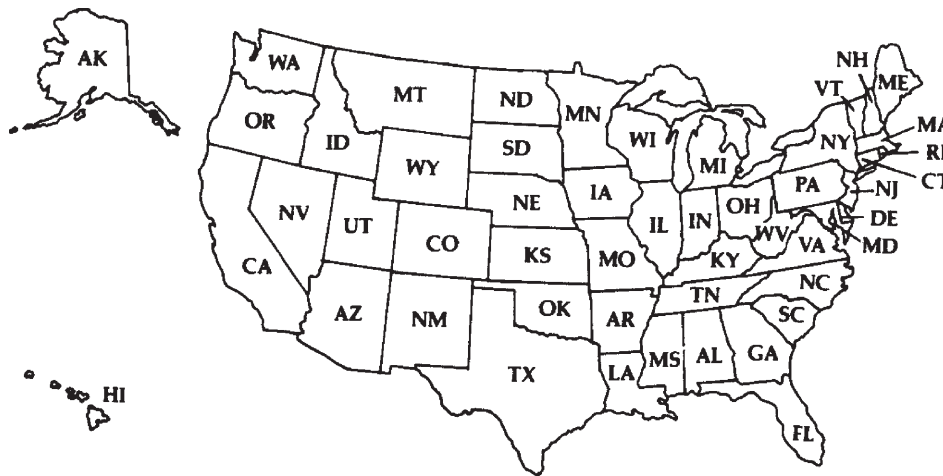

















We celebrate Flag Day on June 14. It was on that date in 1777 that the

Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our country's flag. Our first flag had only 13 stripes and 13 stars for each of the original Colonies. Today, our flag has 13 stripes for the original 13 Colonies and 50 stars, one for each state.

We celebrate Flag Day with our state flags and the date each state joined the Union.

To do: Find your state on the flag chart and on the map. Circle them. Take this chart with you on any road trip you take this summer and circle each state you visit. Also, put a check when you see a license plate from that state.



<p>1. Delaware</p>  <p>Dec. 7, 1787</p>	<p>2. Pennsylvania</p>  <p>Dec. 12, 1787</p>	<p>3. New Jersey</p>  <p>Dec. 18, 1787</p>	<p>4. Georgia</p>  <p>Jan. 2, 1788</p>	<p>5. Connecticut</p>  <p>Jan. 9, 1788</p>
<p>6. Massachusetts</p>  <p>Feb. 6, 1788</p>	<p>7. Maryland</p>  <p>April 28, 1788</p>	<p>8. South Carolina</p>  <p>May 23, 1788</p>	<p>9. New Hampshire</p>  <p>June 21, 1788</p>	<p>10. Virginia</p>  <p>June 25, 1788</p>
<p>11. New York</p>  <p>July 26, 1788</p>	<p>12. North Carolina</p>  <p>Nov. 21, 1789</p>	<p>13. Rhode Island</p>  <p>May 29, 1790</p>	<p>14. Vermont</p>  <p>March 4, 1791</p>	<p>15. Kentucky</p>  <p>June 1, 1792</p>

The Star-Spangled Banner

Nearly 200 years ago, in 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem. Here are the first four lines:

“O, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
 “What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
 “Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
 “O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?”

The flag that inspired him to write these words is a national treasure.



Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) wrote the words to several hymns.

When the flag flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md., it was three stories (30 feet) high and 42 feet long. Today it measures only 30 by 34 feet. The edge was damaged by wind while the flag was flying at the fort and had to be removed. In the 1880s, pieces were also cut off as souvenirs.

This flag is now on display at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.



Photos courtesy Smithsonian's National Museum of American History

Above is how the flag looks today. It has been in the care of the Smithsonian Institution since 1907.

Web site: www.americanhistory.si.edu/ssb



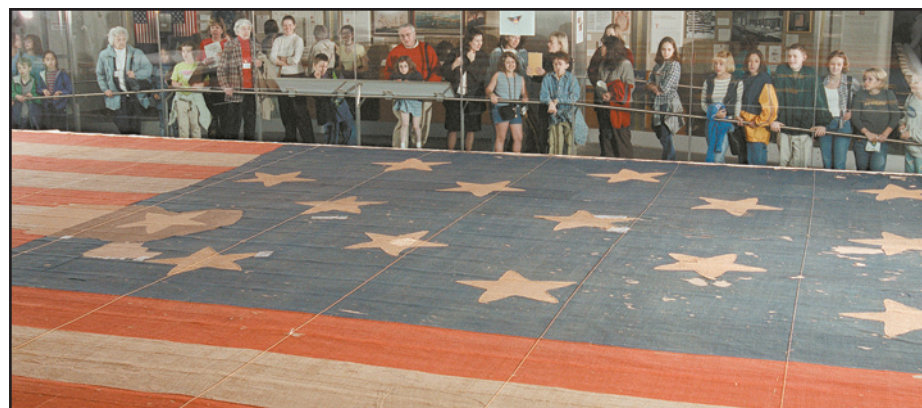
Over the years, flag experts there have worked to conserve it.

In 1914, seamstresses, using about 2 million stitches, hand-sewed a linen backing onto it.

In 1964, the flag was hung in the new National Museum of American History, where it remained on display for 34 years. It was even cleaned while hanging there.

In 1998, the flag was lowered from its display and taken to a specially built lab for study by experts. It then took months to carefully remove the backing. When the backing was taken off, it revealed a side of the flag that had not been seen by the public since 1873. Next, the flag was carefully cleaned.

The flag is made of wool with cotton stars.



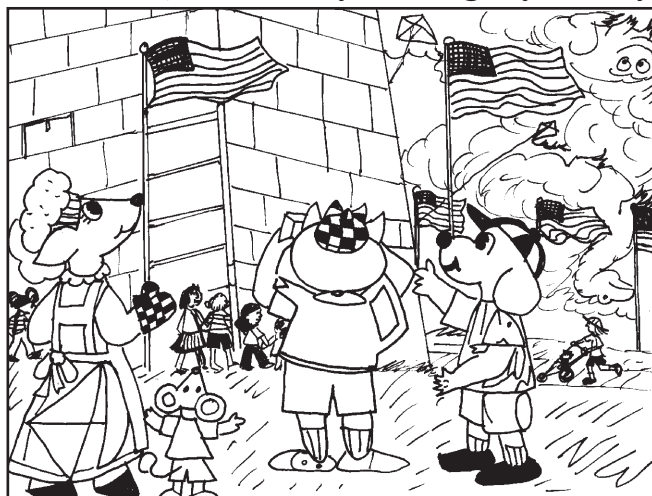
Today, the flag is laid out on display in the lab where the work was done. It will be moved to a new display room in the heart of the museum in the summer of 2007.

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Mini Spy ...



Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the Washington Monument, where many U.S. flags fly. See if you can find:



- frog • fish
- word MINI
- teapot
- sailboat
- letter H
- muffin
- mushroom
- dragon
- ladder
- letter E
- marshmallow
- letter O

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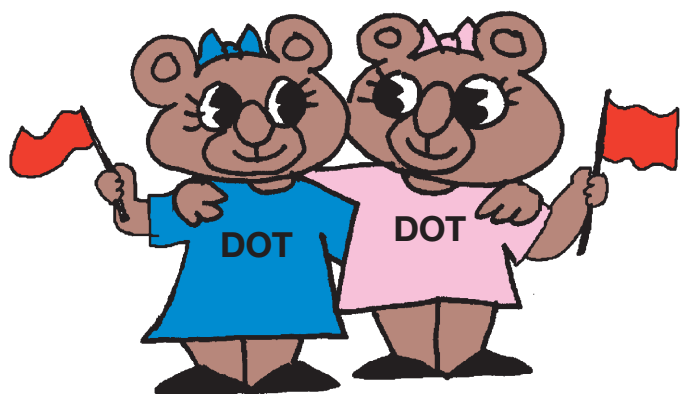
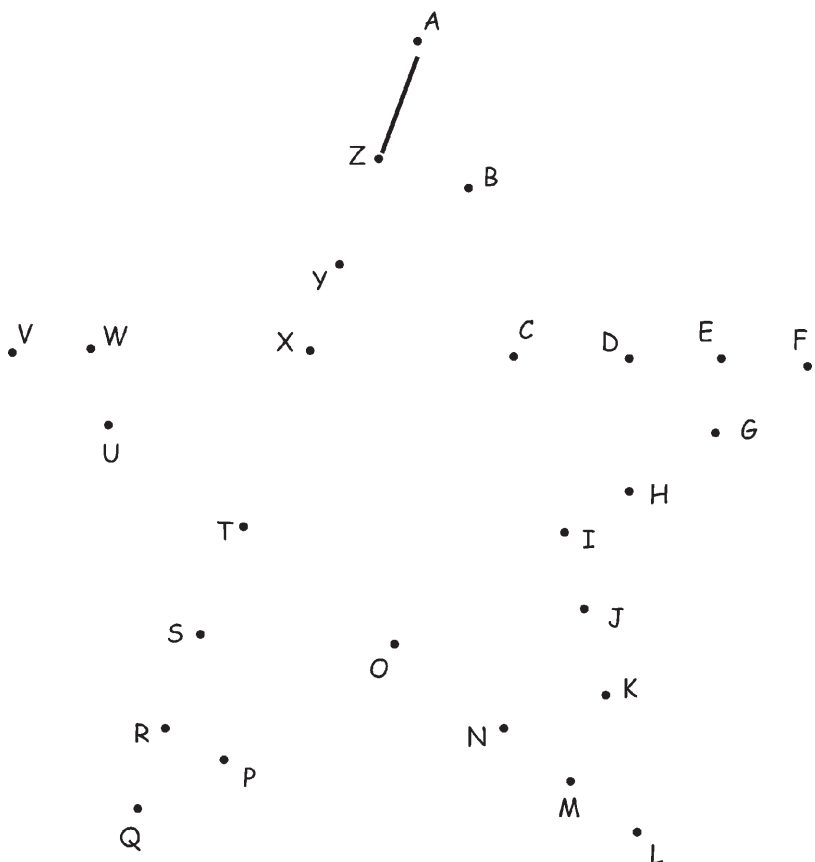
Words and names that remind us of flags are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CLUBS, CITIES, SHAPES, STATES, SYMBOL, BANNER, NATIONAL, COMMUNICATE, RECTANGLE, COLORS, HOIST, COUNTRIES, FLAGPOLE, FABRIC, COMPANIES, FLY, EMBLEMS.

DOES YOUR FAMILY FLY THE FLAG?



S	V	S	F	S	F	H	E	Q	H	C	S	R	F	F
S	S	L	E	A	Y	M	M	S	O	R	L	E	I	L
B	Y	E	B	I	B	M	E	Y	I	E	A	C	C	A
U	N	R	I	L	R	P	B	J	S	N	N	T	O	G
L	I	S	E	T	A	T	S	O	T	N	O	A	L	P
C	D	M	F	H	I	R	N	Z	L	A	I	N	O	O
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Go letter to letter and color the background behind this symbol of each state on our national flag.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Tomato and Pepper Quiche

You'll need:

- 1 deep-dish pie shell, unbaked
- 2 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1/2 Vidalia onion, chopped
- 8 eggs
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup water
- salt and pepper to taste



What to do:

1. Layer the tomatoes, pepper and onion in the pie shell.
2. In a medium bowl, beat together the remaining ingredients.
3. Pour over layered ingredients in the pie shell.
4. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 45 minutes.
5. Slice and serve warm. Serves 6.

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Meet Taylor Dooley



Actress Taylor Dooley will play the part of Lava Girl, the imaginary friend of a young boy, in the upcoming movie "The Adventures of Shark Boy & Lava Girl 3D."

Taylor became interested in acting when she was 9 years old. She studied acting and dancing with a theater group, Phoenix Theater's Performance Troop. She quickly became noticed. She was chosen for parts in commercials for Mary Kate and Ashley clothing and Famous Footwear. She truly loves acting and doesn't mind spending many hours working on her skills. She hopes to one day attend the Juilliard School, a famous private dance, drama and music school in New York City.

Taylor, 12, lives in Los Angeles with her mom, dad and little brother. She enjoys swimming, dancing and horseback riding.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Erin: What is the difference between a poor man and a featherbed?

Ed: One is hard up and the other is soft down!



Ella: What should you do if you find a 2,000-pound rhinoceros in your bed?

Eric: Sleep somewhere else!



Elliot: What is it like to sleep outside?

Ellen: In beds of flowers, under sheets of rain, and under blankets of fog!



To do: Play flag license tag. On your next family vacation, the first person to spot a license plate from a state puts his or her initials in the flag box. The winner is the person who spots the most plates on the trip.

Look through your newspaper and see how many states are listed. Can you locate the state on the map?

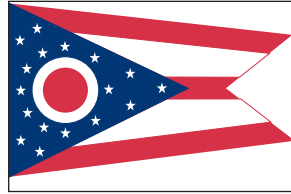
Next week, The Mini Page celebrates Father's Day with a story about animal dads.

16. Tennessee



June 1, 1796

17. Ohio



March 1, 1803

18. Louisiana



April 30, 1812

19. Indiana



Dec. 11, 1816

20. Mississippi



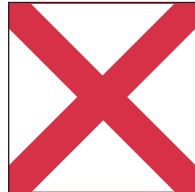
Dec. 10, 1817

21. Illinois



Dec. 3, 1818

22. Alabama



Dec. 14, 1819

23. Maine



March 15, 1820

24. Missouri



Aug. 10, 1821

25. Arkansas



June 15, 1836

26. Michigan



Jan. 26, 1837

27. Florida



March 3, 1845

28. Texas



Dec. 29, 1845

29. Iowa



Dec. 28, 1846

30. Wisconsin



May 29, 1848

31. California



Sept. 9, 1850

32. Minnesota



May 11, 1858

33. Oregon



Feb. 14, 1859

34. Kansas



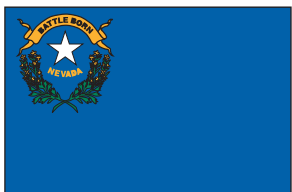
Jan. 29, 1861

35. West Virginia



June 20, 1863

36. Nevada



Oct. 31, 1864

37. Nebraska



March 1, 1867

38. Colorado



Aug. 1, 1876

39. North Dakota



Nov. 2, 1889

40. South Dakota



Nov. 2, 1889

41. Montana



Nov. 8, 1889

42. Washington



Nov. 11, 1889

43. Idaho



July 3, 1890

44. Wyoming



July 10, 1890

45. Utah



Jan. 4, 1896

46. Oklahoma



Nov. 16, 1907

47. New Mexico



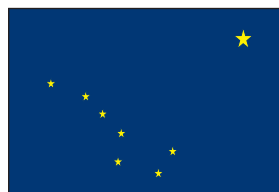
Jan. 6, 1912

48. Arizona



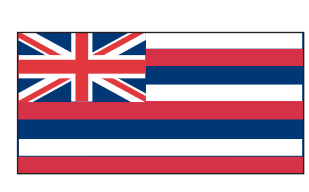
Feb. 14, 1912

49. Alaska



Jan. 3, 1959

50. Hawaii



Aug. 21, 1959

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Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

This week's standards:

- Students understand that artists select and use subject matter, symbols and ideas to communicate meaning. (Art)
- Students recognize national and state symbols and traditions, such as flags, seals and holidays. (Social Studies: Civics)


Activities:

1. Ask five different family members or friends to name something they like very much — a favorite color, plant, animal or activity. Now design a family flag using all of the items.
2. Track news stories from different states in your newspaper for one week. Put a check by the name of a state and flag each time you see a news story from that state. Which state had the most stories? Why do you think there are so many stories from that state?
3. Which flags include the following items from their states: (a) plants, (b) animals, (c) people, (d) different cultures and (e) state names?
4. Which state flag, other than your own, do you like the most? Write a paragraph describing the flag and explaining why you like it.
5. Use resource books and the Internet to learn more about your state's flag. Use these questions to guide your research: When was the current flag adopted? What do the symbols on the flag represent? Who designed the flag? Were there earlier flags for your state? What were they like? Why did your state make a change?

(standards by Dr. Sherrye D. Garrett, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)


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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Sophia Young



Height: 6-1 **Birthdate: 12-15-83**

Hometown: St. Vincent, West Indies

Around Baylor University, Sophia Young is also known as "So So." And on the basketball court she is simply "So" outstanding.

A 6-1 junior, Young earned All-America honors and led the Bears to their first women's Division I national basketball championship.

In the 84-62 win over Michigan State in the title game, she scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Young is majoring in education. In her spare time she enjoys being with her friends.

Bears' opponents probably wish she would hibernate next winter. But she'll be back, trying to lead Baylor to another title.

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