



COMMUNITY **CITIZENSHIP** AWARD



PROJECT: **MY FLAGS**

GOALS

A. FLAG RESEARCH: Research your country and state flags.

B. FLAG CHALLENGE: Draw a replica of your state or national flag and present your findings.

A. FLAG RESEARCH

There is a story behind your country's flag and state flag. Everything on a flag symbolizes something. Research the symbolism of your **state** and **national** flag. Use books from the library, or websites such as *50states.com* to search for information.

Research Checklist

- What is the history of the flag's beginning?
- How has the flag changed over the years?
- Who created the current pattern of the flag?
- What do the symbols and patterns on the flag mean?
- What do the colors on the flag mean?

FUN FACTS: The U.S. flag has evolved through the years, but ever since 1959, by order of President Eisenhower, it became finalized as the 50 stars and 13 strips displayed today.

B. FLAG CHALLENGE

Print or find an example of your state **or** national flag and create a replica. Present your findings to a friend or family member.

Step 1—Gather Your Supplies

Project Supplies

- dowel or long stick
- one 11" x 17" pieces of paper or rectangular strips of cloth
- markers, coloring pencils, crayons, or fabric markers
- cardboard
- ruler
- tracable pictures or template of the flag (see *abcteach.com-state* flag blank templates)

Step 2—Trace and Color Your Image

Use your printed template or picture to recreate the flag on your paper or cloth.

- Choose either 11" x 17" paper or cloth.
- Put cardboard underneath the 11" x 17" paper or cloth.
- Tape the tracing picture and cloth/paper down so they do not move.
- Outline initially with a pencil.
- When satisfied with the image tracing, outline and color with markers.



□ Step 3—Assemble the flag

- Attach the left edge of your flag with tape, or sew the flag around the dowel (ask for assistance from family or friends).
- Display your flag in a prominent place.

□ Step 4—Present your Findings

Show your artwork to a friend or family member.
Share about what each color or symbol means!

RESEARCH MORE

- *Our Flag (Little Golden Book)* by Carl Memling
- 50states.com
- abcteach.com
- *Flags of the World* by Sylvie Benar
- *Ultimate Sticker Book: Flags of the World* by DK Publishing
- *Play the Flag Frenzy! Education Geography Card Game* by GeoToys
- *National Geographic Kids' United States Atlas* (July 10, 2012)

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Adult Signature: _____ Date: _____

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