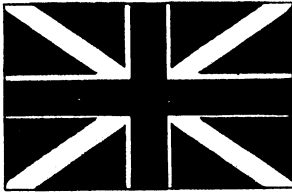


Module 2A: American Symbols

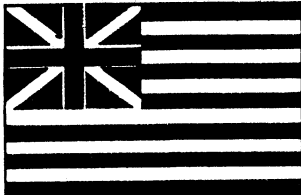
A The Flag of the United States

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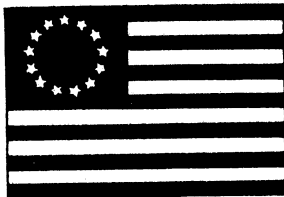
This is the British (English) flag. Before the American Revolution, it was the flag of the thirteen American colonies.

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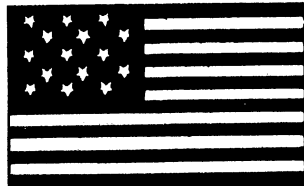
This was the "Great Union Flag." It was the flag of the American army during the Revolutionary War. The flag of England was in the corner. The red and white stripes were symbols for the thirteen American colonies.

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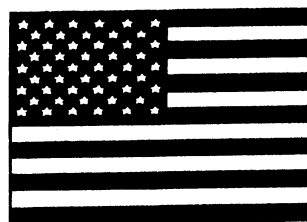
Some people say that Betsy Ross made the first American flag. In the corner, there were thirteen white stars in a field of blue. The new flag also had seven red stripes and six white stripes.

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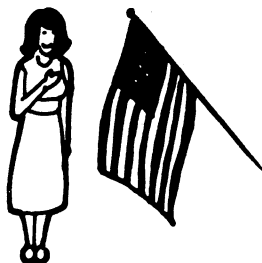
During the War of 1812 the flag had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes for the fifteen states. After a battle Francis Scott Key wrote a song about the American flag. The "Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States.

5.



The United States grew and admitted more states to the Union. Now the flag has thirteen stripes for the thirteen original colonies and fifty stars for the fifty states.

6.



American citizens and immigrants sometimes recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The pledge is a promise of loyalty to the United States.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

B Write T for true and F for False. Correct the false sentences.

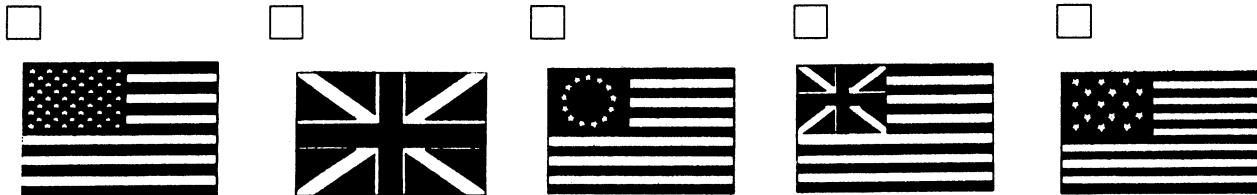
- T Before the American Revolution, the British flag was the flag of the thirteen American colonies.
- _____ The Great Union flag was the flag of England during the Revolutionary War.
- _____ Some people say that Abraham Lincoln made the first American flag.
- _____ The “Star-Spangled Banner” is a song about the Liberty Bell and the Statue of Liberty.
- _____ The flag of the United States now has thirteen stars for the American colonies and fifty stripes for the fifty states.
- _____ The Pledge of Allegiance is a promise of loyalty to the United States.

C Write the words from the box.

blue	stars	colonies	Revolution
white	stripes	Union	anthem

The British flag was the flag of the thirteen American (1) colonies before the American (2) _____. During the Revolutionary War, the red and (3) _____ stripes were symbols of these colonies on the Great (4) _____ flag. The first American flag had thirteen (5) _____ in a field of (6) _____. In the War of 1812, the flag had fifteen stars and (7) _____. Now the “Star-Spangled Banner” is the national (8) _____ of the United States.

D Number the flags 1–5 in time order. Tell about each flag.



E More American Symbols

1.



The delegates of the thirteen American colonies planned the Declaration of Independence, and Thomas Jefferson wrote it. The document declared the independence (separation) of the colonies from England.

2.



Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, and the delegates signed the document on July 4, 1776. The Liberty Bell in the State House in Philadelphia rang out on that day.

3.



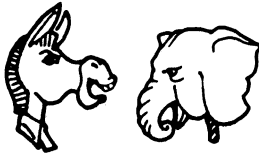
The French gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a symbol of friendship. Now it is a symbol of freedom for new immigrants to this country.

4.



The American eagle is the official emblem (symbol) of the United States. It appears on the Presidential flag and on some coins.

5.



The donkey and the elephant first appeared in political cartoons. They are symbols for the Democratic and Republican Parties.

6.



Uncle Sam has the initials U.S. He originally appeared in political cartoons and is an unofficial symbol of the U.S. government.

F Match the sentence parts. Write the letters on the lines.

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| 1. <u> C </u> The Liberty Bell is the symbol of | a. the United States on the Presidential flag and some coins. |
| 2. <u> </u> The Statue of Liberty is the symbol of | b. the U.S. government. |
| 3. <u> </u> The American eagle is the symbol of | c. the Declaration of Independence. |
| 4. <u> </u> The donkey and the elephant are symbols of | d. the two major political parties. |
| 5. <u> </u> Uncle Sam is the symbol of | e. freedom for immigrants to the United States. |

G

Write T for true and F for false. Correct the false sentences.

Thomas Jefferson

1. F ~~George Washington~~ wrote the Declaration of Independence.
2. _____ The document declared the separation and freedom of the thirteen colonies from England.
3. _____ The delegates of the thirteen original colonies signed the Declaration of Independence, and the Liberty Bell rang out in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.
4. _____ The people of England gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a symbol of the President.
5. _____ The Democratic donkey is the official emblem of the United States.
6. _____ The donkey, the elephant, and Uncle Sam originally appeared in political cartoons.

H

With your class, learn and sing the "Star-Spangled Banner."

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

John Stafford Smith

O say! can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
 What so proud - ly we hail'd at the twi - light's last gleam - ing?
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per - il - ous fight,
 O'er the ram - parts we watch'd, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?

And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombe burst - ing in air,
 Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
 O say, does that Star - Span - gled Ban - ner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?