



Historical Flags of the United States

Posters—8.5X11 and 11X17

Objective: *Students will observe images of historical flags of the United States to identify common themes, colors, and changes over time.*

Preparation:

The poster comes in 2 sizes:

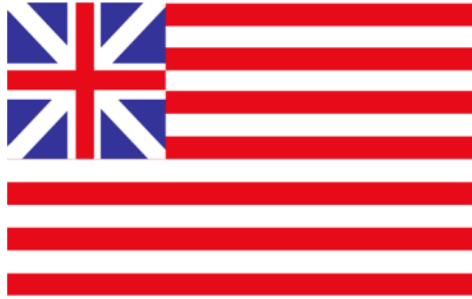
- Use the Ledger size (11x17) if you have access to a large format printer. Print it directly onto 1 sheet of ledger sized paper.
 - Use the Letter size (8.5x11) if you are using a standard printer. It will require 2 sheets of paper.
1. Run the poster on tag, cover stock, or heavy white drawing paper. Set your printer to “borderless printing” if you wish. Run as many posters as necessary for how you wish to use them: 1 poster is enough if you are going to place it at a center. If you are going to use it as an assignment, run enough for small groups or partners.
 2. Letter Size Poster only: Carefully trim the inside margins, and tape the poster together on the back.
 3. Laminate and trim.
 4. Hang on the wall or place at your center.

Uses: Students may

- Identify key visual elements of historical US flags.
- Correct their time line of flags. (See Historical Flags of the US: Task Cards.)
- Compare and contrast the images contained on the flags of differing centuries.
- Research the meanings of the colors on specific flags.
- Research the meanings of the symbols on specific flags.
- Identify themes represented by the flags.
- Choose a flag and find out more about it.
- Create a flag for an historical event.
- Write a report or news cast about an historical event represented by one of the flags.



Historical Flags of



**Grand Union
Flag, 1775**



**Pine Tree Flag,
1775**



**Fort Mifflin
Flag, 1777**



**Green Mountain
Boys Flag,
1777**



**Betsy Ross Flag,
1777**



**Great Star
Flag, 1777**



**Cowpens Flag,
1781**

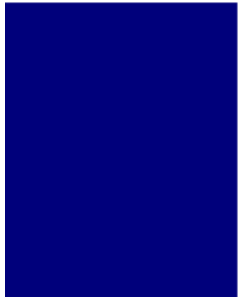


**Star Spangled
Banner Flag,
1812**



**Union
Flag, 1863**

the United States



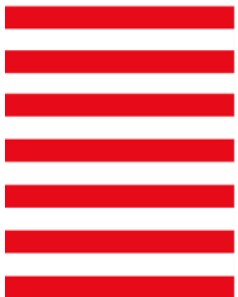
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Flag, 1775



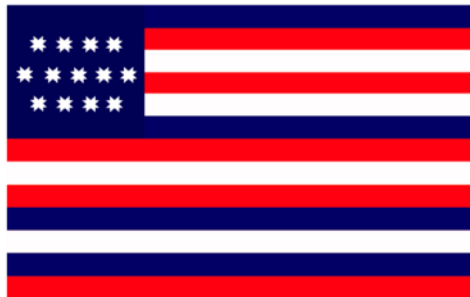
Navy Jack Flag,
1775



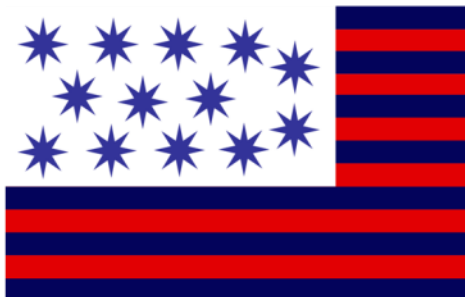
Bennington Flag,
1777



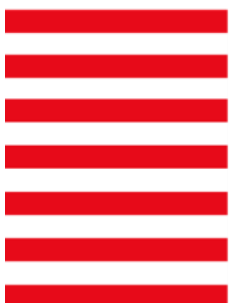
War
Flag, 1777



Serapis Flag,
1779



Guilford Flag,
1781



Union
War Flag,
1860



Confederate
National Flag,
1861



50 Star Flag, 1960