

**Research Topic- The American Flag**

<b>Research Topic</b>	The American Flag- Adopted December 3, 1775
<b>Grade Level</b>	Pre- Kindergarten - Kindergarten
<b>Time Requirement</b>	1 class period (45 minutes)
<b>Ohio's Learning Standards History Strand</b>	Heritage: Symbols and practices of the United States include the flag, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.
<b>Common Core Standards</b>	Key Ideas and Details: <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1</u> With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.2</u> With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details. <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.3</u> With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.
<b>Objective</b>	Students will be able to identify symbols and colors of the American flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem.
<b>Research Statement</b>	The American flag is symbolic to the freedom, justice, liberty and independence of our country. As American citizens it is important to understand and be able to identify the meaning of the colors and shapes of the flag.
<b>Introduction</b>	The American flag is one of the nation's most recognized symbols. A symbol is something used for or regarded as representing something else, an emblem, token or sign. The American flag represents our shared experiences as citizens of the United States of America.
<b>Supporting Idea I</b>	The American flag was adopted on December 3, 1775 as the Grand Union flag. Betsy Ross (b. 1752-d. 1836), an upholsterer, has been credited in the past with making the first American flag. On June 14, 1777 the 13-star version was adopted and on July 4, 1960 the 50 stars version was adopted.
<b>Supporting Idea II</b>	The 50 stars on the flag represent the 50 states of the United States of America and the 13 stripes represent the thirteen British colonies.
<b>Supporting Idea III</b>	The colors of the American flag are red, white and blue. Red represents hardiness and valor. White represents purity and innocence. Blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.
<b>Procedure</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have students identify the American Flag in the classroom.</li> <li>2. Teacher will read <i>Why Are There Stripes on the American Flag?</i> by Martha E.H. Rustad. Following the reading, ask students about the history of the flag and the symbolism of the flag.</li> <li>3. Have students view video of signing of the National Anthem.</li> </ol>
<b>Conclusion</b>	The American flag is a symbol that is very important to citizens of the United States. It represents the values and ideals of American culture.
<b>Assessment</b>	At the conclusion of the lesson ask students to identify the stars, stripes and colors of the American Flag.

<b>Resources</b>	<a href="https://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/history/old-glory/">https://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/history/old-glory/</a> Rustad, Martha E.H. <i>Why Are There Stripes on the American Flag?</i> Millbrook Press TM, 2014 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWMY7Rpk5Bo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWMY7Rpk5Bo</a>
<b>Critical Thinking Questions</b>	What do red, white and blue represent on the American flag? What do the stars and stripes represent on the American flag? In what ways do we honor the American flag?



**Title**

"Ice Cold Pop" sign and American flag advertised on Route 66, Seligman, Arizona

**Contributor Names**

Highsmith, Carol M., 1946-, photographer

**Created / Published**

2009 May 3.

**Subject Headings**

- United States--Arizona--Seligman
- Ice Cold Pop
- American flags
- Route 66
- Signs
- America

**Format Headings**

Digital photographs--Color--2000-2010.

**Genre**

Digital photographs--Color--2000-2010





- Title**  
Verona, New Jersey. Sewing the edge of an American flag at the Annin Flag Company
- Contributor Names**  
Collins, Marjory, 1912-1985, photographer
- Created / Published**  
1943 Mar.
- Subject Headings**  
- United States--New Jersey--Essex County--Verona
- Format Headings**  
Safety film negatives.
- Genre**  
Safety film negatives
- Notes**
- Title and other information from caption card.
  - Transfer; United States. Office of War Information. Overseas Picture Division. Washington Division; 1944.
  - More information about the FSA/OWI Collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.fsaowi>
  - Temp. note: owibatch3
  - Film copy on SIS roll 6, frame 1655.
- Medium**  
1 negative : safety ; 3 1/4 x 4 1/4 inches or smaller.





**Title**

The American flag, a new national lyric by Revd. J.B. Dickson of Scotland / Gilmour & Dean, litho.

**Summary**

Woman dressed in red, white, and blue, with stars on skirt, holding sword and U.S. flag.

**Contributor Names**

Gilmour & Dean, lithographer

**Created / Published**

c1862.

**Subject Headings**

- Flags--American--1860-1870
- Women--1860-1870
- National songs--1860-1870

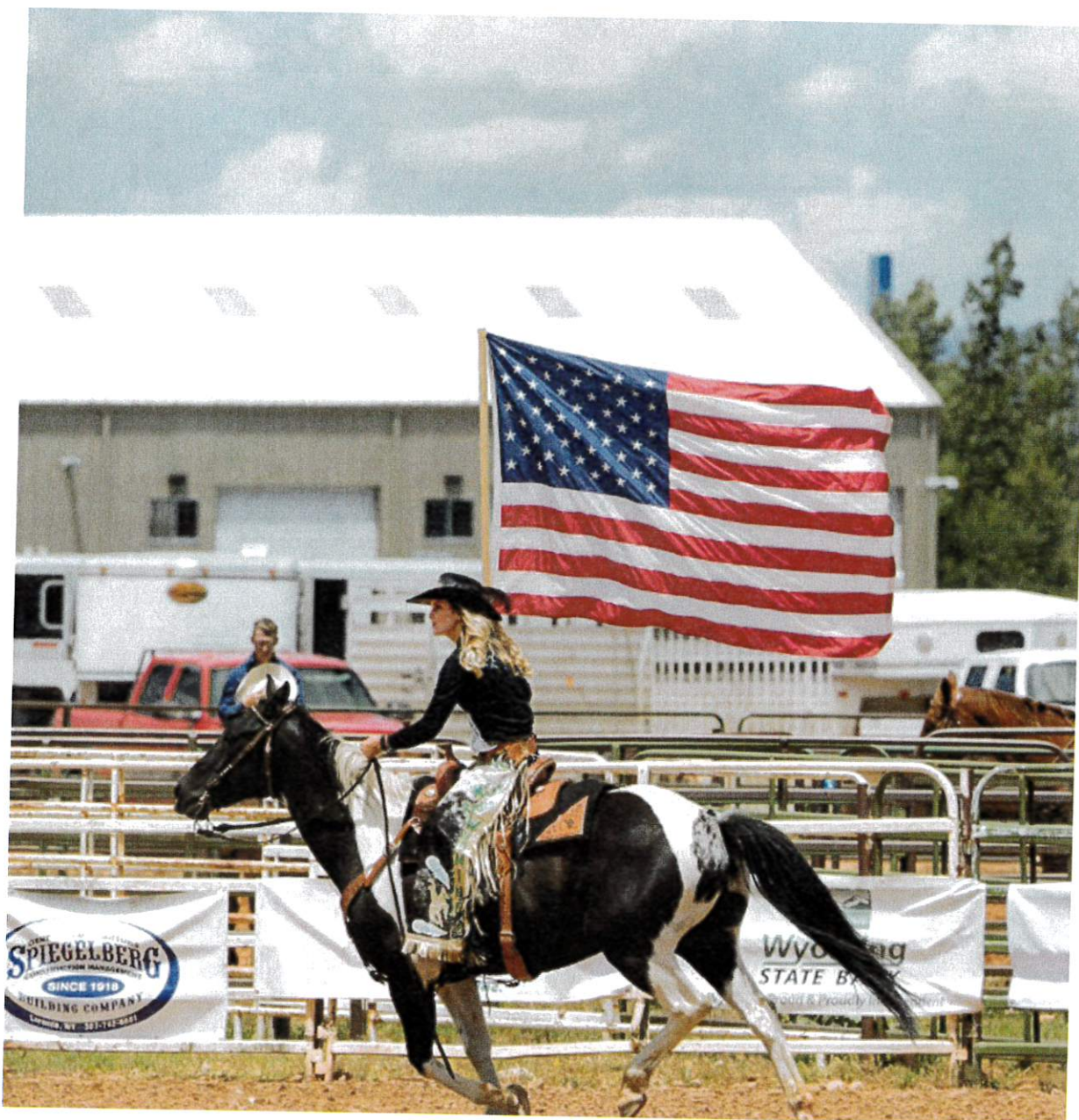
**Format Headings**

Lithographs--Color--1860-1870.

**Medium**

1 print : lithograph, color.





**Title**

The American flag-bearer at a large outdoor rodeo that's a feature of the annual (in this case 75th anniversary) Jubilee Days festival in Laramie, Wyoming

**Contributor Names**

Highsmith, Carol M., 1946-, photographer

**Created / Published**

2015-07-12.

**Subject Headings**

- United States--Wyoming--Laramie
- America
- Laramie Rodeo
- Laramie Jubilee Days
- Rodeos
- American flags

**Format Headings**

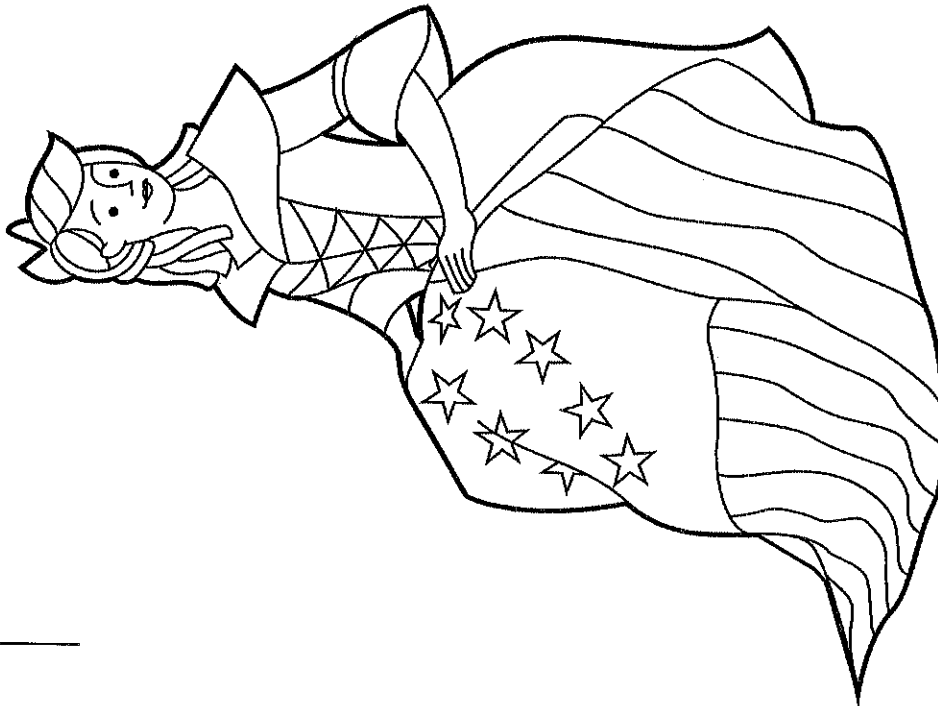
Digital photographs--Color--2010-2020.

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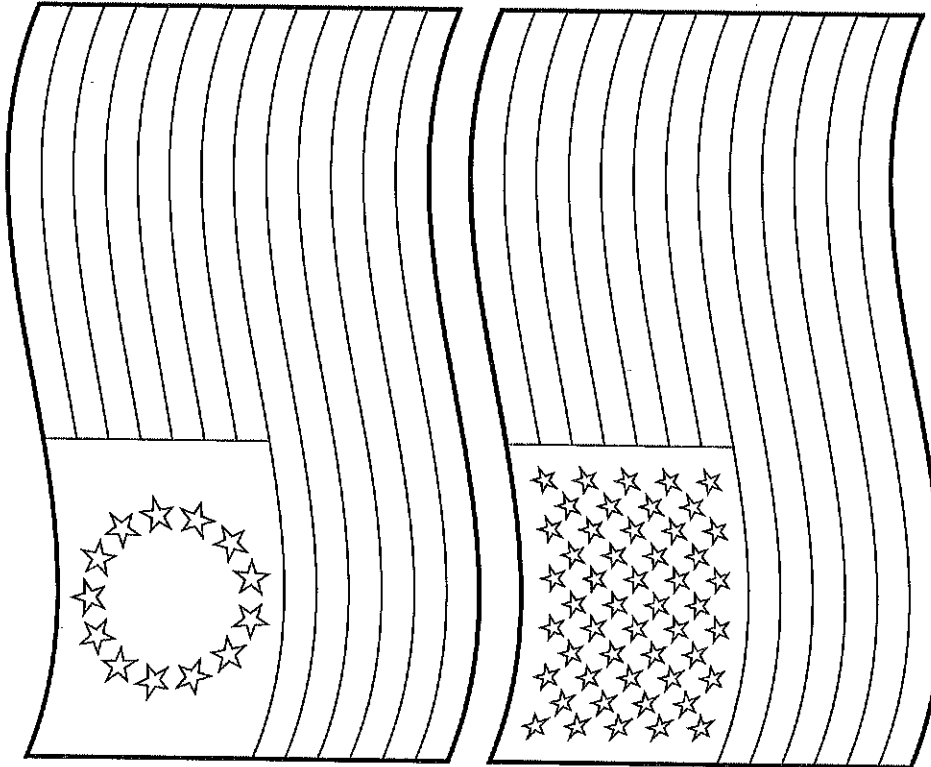
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### Betsy Ross

According to popular legend, the first American flag was made by **Betsy Ross**, a Philadelphia seamstress who was acquainted with George Washington, leader of the Continental Army, and other influential Philadelphians.



### The Besty Ross American Flag Adopted in 1777

When you color the flags, think about what each color stands for:

White signifies purity and innocence.  
Red signifies hardness & valor.  
Blue signifies the color of the Chief.

### The current American Flag Adopted on July 4, 1960

### July 4th

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How many stripes are on the flag

What do the stripes represent?

How many stars are on the Besty Ross flag?

How many stars are on the current US flag?

Why did the number of stars change?

What three colors are used in the American flag?