

Our Flag



Before Your Program

Your students will be better prepared to participate in the *Our Flag* program and will learn more from it if you guide them through the following activities prior to your visit.

Stars and Stripes Trivia

Remove your classroom flag and any other images of the flag. Then hand out the *Stars and Stripes Trivia* sheet. Students (and adults!) may be surprised to discover how little they really know about the design of the American flag.

Symbols

During the *Our Flag* program, we will focus on the symbols found within various versions of the American and pre-Revolutionary flags. Go on a Symbol Hunt with your class and make a list that illustrates the many symbols you can find in your classroom and school, along with their meanings. Challenge your students think of other symbols with which they are familiar and add them to the list.

K-W-L

Make a chart with your class. Start with a column full of things they already know about the United States flag. Include things you aren't sure of, or that may not be correct. (The class will come back to them later.) The second column is a list of things the students would like to know about the flag. They might learn some of these things during the program. The final column can be completed after the program. It is the "What We Learned" column and can include the answers to their questions from column two, corrections to column one, and new information.

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Stars and Stripes Trivia

How well do you know the United States flag? Without looking at a flag, try answering these questions.

1. What color is the top stripe? _____
2. How many full-length stripes are there? _____
3. How many short stripes are there? _____
4. Are all of the rows of stars the same length? _____
5. How many stars are in each row? _____
6. How many rows of stars are there? _____
7. What is the color of the stripe directly below the blue area? _____
8. How many points does each star have? _____
9. What color is the bottom stripe? _____
10. How many red stripes are there? _____

Now look at a flag and see how you did!

