



Finding a National Voice

Class Activity – Flag Design

Introduction:

Change is good especially when you are part of the change. Fortunately, South Dakotans had the opportunity to be part of the selection process for the South Dakota State Quarter that was released in 2006. It would have been a privilege to be part of the original design process for the South Dakota State Flag and the United States Flag. Now your students can be. The following activity will encourage students to learn more about the South Dakota State Flag and United States Flag.

The students need to make 4 separate flags. They will recreate the original state and national flags. They should also include 3-5 interesting facts about each flag. The students will also make a new state flag and national flag using their own design. They must support their new design with 3-5 facts.



Materials:

- Internet/Library access
- Poster board
- Pencil/eraser
- Markers/Colored Pencils/Crayons

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- The students should recreate (draw) the original South Dakota State Flag and United States Flag. The drawings should include 3-5 interesting facts.
- Research and design a new state flag and national flag. Include 3-5 interesting facts about the design.
- Students should present their new designs to the rest of the class.
- Related Video: [How to Design a 51 Star Flag](#)

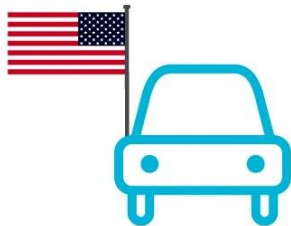
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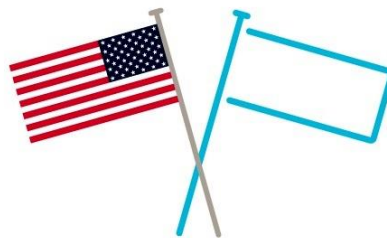
From your porch, place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.



Against a wall or on a window, place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.



On your vehicle, clamp the staff to the right front fender.



With another flag, place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.

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