

Teacher Instructions

Our class flag

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Students will discuss the symbolism of flags as they create a flag collage.

What you need

- Large paper
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

What to do

1. Pick a theme that would allow all of the students in your class to participate in this activity—this may be along the lines of “favorite places to travel” or “things we love,” or a broader topic such as “words that describe me.”
2. Have children search through magazines or newspapers to find pictures (or draw their own pictures) that demonstrate this theme. Each student gets to add one image to the flag.
3. Help them to write **Our Flag** at the top of the paper and add any other design elements they want (e.g., a border, a list of student names, etc.).
4. Have children arrange their pictures on the paper the way they want them to appear, then glue the pictures on the paper.
5. Discuss what the flag stands for. Why were specific colors chosen? Why is having a flag important in general? What does the flag reveal or illustrate about your class as a whole?