

Flags and People

Teacher's Guide

Lesson Objectives. Students will:

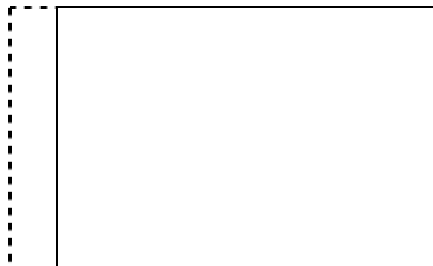
1. Learn to identify 10 different national flags,
2. Draw and color the flag of a nation that has special meaning to the student and/or her family,
3. Identify experiences and characteristics that are unique to the people of that country, and others that are shared with people everywhere,
4. Learn about the Companion Flag, and create a Companion Flag for the flag drawn in Part 2.

Time Allotment. One class period.

Resources Needed. A “Flags of the World” poster, or 3 – 5 flag reference books or pamphlets identifying the world’s flags.¹ Crayons or colored pencils. For extension activities: long straws or dowels to serve as miniature flagpoles for the students’ flags, or colored construction paper to serve as a background for mounting the flags.

Lesson Activities. Divide the class into teams for completion of Part 1. Have each student complete Parts 2 – 4. Share and discuss the results.

Extension/Enrichment. The flag drawings can be cut out and mounted, either on a long straw or dowel (miniature flagpole), or on colorful construction paper. If students are going to mount their flags on a straw or dowel, add a $\frac{1}{2}$ ” – $\frac{3}{4}$ ” margin to the left of the flag before cutting (as shown). This will provide a gluing strip for the flags, and prevent damage or distortion of the student’s artwork.



Be sure the host (national) flag is mounted above the Companion Flag. Student-created flags make a wonderful classroom or hallway display, or can be taken home to share with the family.

A writing component can be added to Part 2: E.g., “Write a paragraph explaining why the country you selected is important to you.” Or, “Write a $\frac{1}{2}$ page letter to the president (or other head of state) of the country you selected explaining why you think that country *should* or *should not* fly the Companion Flag below its national flag.”

¹ Many flag shops have vendor catalogues showing flags of the world, and will make them available for free.