

# #10561 AMERICA'S FLAGS

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## Grades 1 to 3

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## Primary Citizenship Series

**Subject Areas:** Social Studies, U.S. History, Citizenship

**Synopsis:** America's Flags is an introduction to the meaning of our national patriotic symbols including the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. From the point of view of a child's celebration of the Fourth of July, viewers learn how the flag evolved since the American Revolution and the origins of our national anthem.

### Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students should understand what the American flag stands for, and that a nation's flag represents the beliefs of a nation.
- Objective 2)** Students should have a basic understanding of the Fourth of July and how it relates to the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution.
- Objective 3)** Students should have a basic understanding of key concepts:  
Patriotism      Freedom  
Equality      Unity
- Objective 4)** Students should have a basic understanding about flag traditions, and rules for the care and display of the flag.

### Previewing Discussion and Activities:

- 1) Vocabulary Words: patriotism, symbol, equality, national anthem, ideal
- 2) Discuss the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution as events that established the ideals Americans think are important (self-government as opposed to a monarchy, and individual freedom including "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness").
- 3) Locate the 13 original colonies on a map.

### Post-viewing Discussion:

- 1) Discuss how the flag has changed as the nation grew from 13 states to 50 states.
- 2) Discuss some of the nicknames we have for our flag (stars and stripes, Old Glory, Star Spangled Banner). Can you think of any other terms we use to refer to the flag?
- 3) Describe what the stars and stripes on our flag mean today.
- 4) Describe some of the ways we show respect for the flag.
- 5) Other than our respect for the flag, what are some of the other ways we show our patriotism?

- 6) Besides Independence Day, what are some of the other patriotic holidays?
- 7) What are some of the other patriotic songs we sing other than the national anthem?

**Additional Activities:**

- 1) Research the origins of your State flag. How is it used? When did your state join the Union and when was the star for your state added to the American flag?
- 2) Research how the American flag has changed and how it looked during different periods in our nation's history. Bring or make pictures for your class to see and discuss. Do people like one flag better than others? Why?

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