

EL/Civics Lesson Plan

Program Name: Owens ABLE/ESOL

Staff Responsible for Lesson

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Date(s) Used	June 2012
Civics Category	III. US History and Government and citizenship preparation
Civics Objective	6. Community Resources-Citizenship Preparation: Explore information for Naturalization process
Time Frame to Complete Lesson	30 minutes
EFL(s)	Level 4
Standard(s)	Read With Understanding
Benchmark(s)	R. 4.1, R. 4.2, R. 4.3, R.4.4, R. 4.5 R. 4.6
Materials	US Flag, enclosed sheets
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Present flag to students and ask them to look at the design and colors.2. Ask one student to count the stripes and stars.3. Assign a student to read the first sheet. Answer questions.4. Discuss5. Do second question sheet.
Assessment/ Evidence	Since this was a visual activity, students really learned about the US flag and its symbolism, thus knowing the info for the citizenship test.
Reflection	Well enjoyed by the students.

US FLAG FACTS: By Najwa Badawi

The United States flag has 50 stars and 13 stripes. Since 1960, the U.S. flag contains 50 white stars on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes (7 red stripes and 6 white stripes). The 50 stars represent the 50 states of the U.S., and the 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies.

The flag has been changed many times over the years. New stars were added each time new states joined the Union. Alaska and Hawaii became states in 1959, making them the last two states to join the Union?

The United States flag is red, white, and blue: red represents courage; white represents purity or goodness; and blue represents justice.

George Washington, our first president said, “ We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty.”

June 14th is Flag Day in America. On that day, Americans proudly display the US flag. When displayed,

- Never allow the flag to touch the ground or floor.
- The flag should never be used to carry, store, or deliver anything.

Betsy Ross was asked to sew the first flag of the United States of America.

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Answer the Questions

1. Why are there 13 stripes on the United States flag?_____
2. Why has the flag changed so many times?_____
- 3 Why are there 50 stars?_____
- 4 What do the colors on the flag mean?_____
5. Write one “rule” about the American flag;_____
6. Who was Betsy Ross?_____
6. When is Fag Day?_____



8. Circle your state. What year was your state admitted to the United States?

Alabama (1819) Alaska (1959) Arizona (1912) Arkansas (1836) California (1850)
Colorado (1876) Connecticut (1788) Delaware (1787) Florida (1845) Georgia (1788)
Hawaii (1959) Idaho (1890) Illinois (1818) Indiana (1816) Iowa (1846) Kansas (1861)
Kentucky (1792) Louisiana (1812) Maine (1820) Maryland (1788) Massachusetts (1788)
Michigan (1837) Minnesota (1858) Mississippi (1817) Missouri (1821) Montana (1889)
Nebraska (1867) Nevada (1864) New Hampshire (1788) New Jersey (1787) New Mexico
(1912) New York (1788) North Carolina (1789) North Dakota (1889) Ohio (1803)
Oklahoma (1907) Oregon (1859) Pennsylvania (1787) Rhode Island (1790) South
Carolina (1788) South Dakota (1889) Tennessee (1796) Texas (1845) Utah (1896)
Vermont (1791) Virginia (1788) Washington (1889) West Virginia (1863) Wisconsin
(1848) Wyoming (1890).