Internet Activities: To Betsy's House to Make a Flag

Social Studies, United States History

Grade 3-5

Objective

Students will examine the history of the U.S. flag. Students will record the meaning of the flag and the important persons who designed it.

Directions

Students will complete the activity page by using a Web site on Betsy Ross's life (see below for the URL address).

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Making posters of the different flags is another good extension if time permits.

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Resources

- copies of To Betsy's House to a Make a Flag
- computer with Internet access
- pencil or pen
- colored pencils, pens, or crayons

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Teacher Notes

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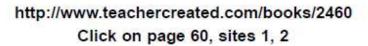
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Time Required:

35–40 minutes

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the first An	ple know that a woman named Betsy Ross sewer merican flag. But there is much more to the story our country than that!		
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	http://www.teachercreated.com/books/246 Click on page 61, site 1	0	
Draw a pic	cture of the first American flag as Betsy Ross sew	/ed it.	
1. Who ∨ the fla	were the three people who met with Betsy Ross ag?	and asked	d her to sew
	of the other flags used was known as the "rattlesn ttlesnake flag mean?	ake" flag	. What did
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http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2460 Click on page 61, site 2			
3. Who c	cut the flag into pieces and was honored for it?		
4. What	does it mean when someone flies the flag upside	down?	
5. Who v	was "Shipwreck" Kelly?		