

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

## Social Studies, United States History

### Grade 3- 5

#### Objective

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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

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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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As an extension, students can explore the wide variety of flags used by the colonists and their meanings, as well as drawing them.

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

A play re-enacting the discussion of the flag with Betsy Ross is another good activity for advanced students.

#### Resources

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### **Web Site(s):**

<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2460>

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### **Time Required:**

- 35–40 minutes

### **Teaching the Lesson:**

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Many people know that a woman named Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag. But there is much more to the story of the flag of our country than that!



**Go to:**

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Draw a picture of the first American flag as Betsy Ross sewed it.

1. Who were the three people who met with Betsy Ross and asked her to sew the flag?

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2. One of the other flags used was known as the “rattlesnake” flag. What did the rattlesnake flag mean?

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3. Who cut the flag into pieces and was honored for it?

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4. What does it mean when someone flies the flag upside down?

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5. Who was “Shipwreck” Kelly?

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