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In this chapter, you will explore special people and places in our country. You will read about ways we celebrate our state and country!

Talk About It



Tell your partner what you want to know about our country.

HSS.K.2, HSS.K.6.1



This Is America

You will share the symbol or holiday you think best represents America.

Here's your project checklist.

- ☐ Talk with your friends about important symbols and holidays in our country.
- □ **Draw** the symbol or holiday you think best represents America.
- ☐ **Share** your opinion.



Why Are National Symbols Important?



Lesson Outcomes

What Am I Learning?

You will explore symbols that represent our country.

Why Am I Learning It?

Learning about national symbols will help you understand more about our country.

How Will I Know that I Learned It?

You will draw, write, and talk about your favorite national symbol.

Talk About It



Look closely at the picture.
Where have you seen this
flag? What do you know
about it?





Look at the picture.

What colors do you see on our flag?

Circle each color you see.

2 Find Evidence

Look Again at the picture.

Draw a box around the stars

What do the stars represent?



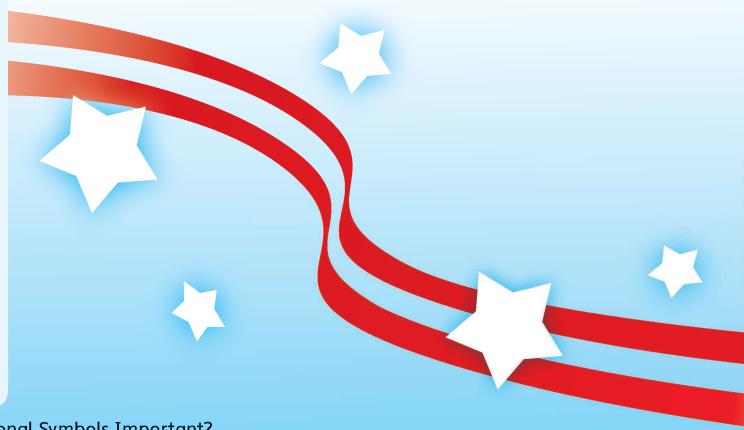
The United States Flag

Our flag is a symbol for our country.

It has red and white stripes.

It has 50 white stars.

There is a star for each state in our country.



stars



3 Make Connections

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Talk How does the flag represent our country?

4 Research Companion

Investigate Read pages IIO–II7 in your Research Companion.

Look for main topics and key details.

Think about what you read.
What symbols represent the United States?

Write About It

Which symbol is your favorite?

Draw that symbol.

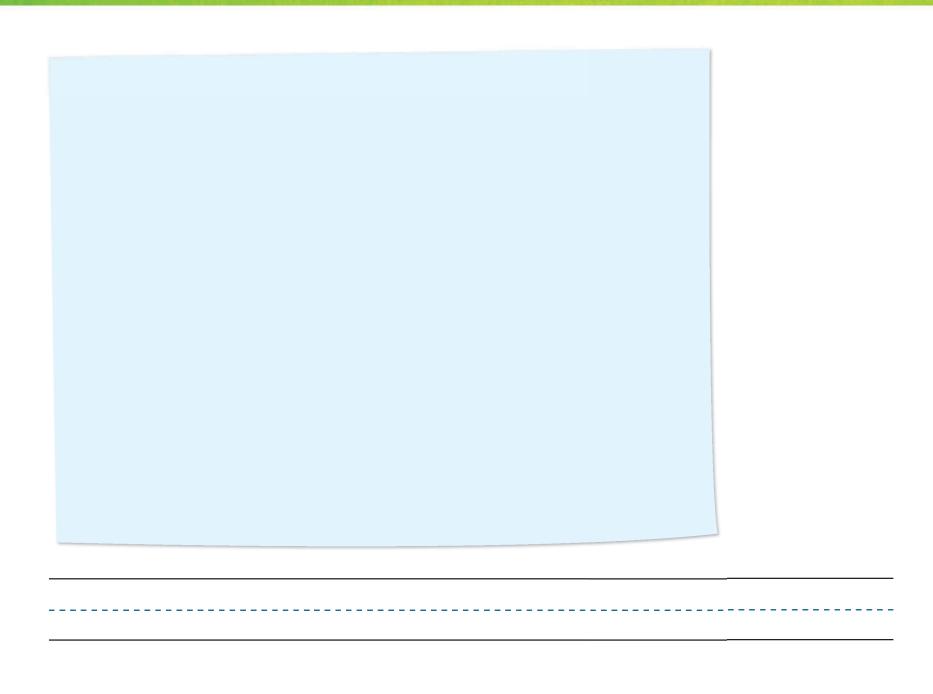
Label your picture.

Talk About It



Talk with a partner about your picture. Why is that symbol your favorite?







How Do People Celebrate America?



Lesson Outcomes

What Am I Learning?

You will explore ways we celebrate our nation.

Why Am I Learning It?

Learning about holidays will help you understand more about what it means to be an American.

How Will I Know that I Learned It?

You will draw someone celebrating a national holiday.

Talk About It



Look closely at the picture. What are these people doing? How are they celebrating America?



Read the text.

Look at the picture.

What is the month?

Draw a box around the name of the month.

2 Find Evidence

Reread the text.

Look Again at the picture.

What happens on the second day of the month?

Circle the special day on the calendar.



What is a Calendar?

Calendars are charts that show the months of the year.



They show the weeks in a month.
They also show the days in a week.
Calendars show holidays too.





3 Make Connections

Talk How do COLLABORATE people use a calendar?



4 Research Companion

Investigate Read pages II8-I25 in your Research Companion.

Look for what happens first, next, and last.



Think about what you read. What are special days for our nation?

Talk About It



Talk with a small group.

How do you celebrate holidays and special days?

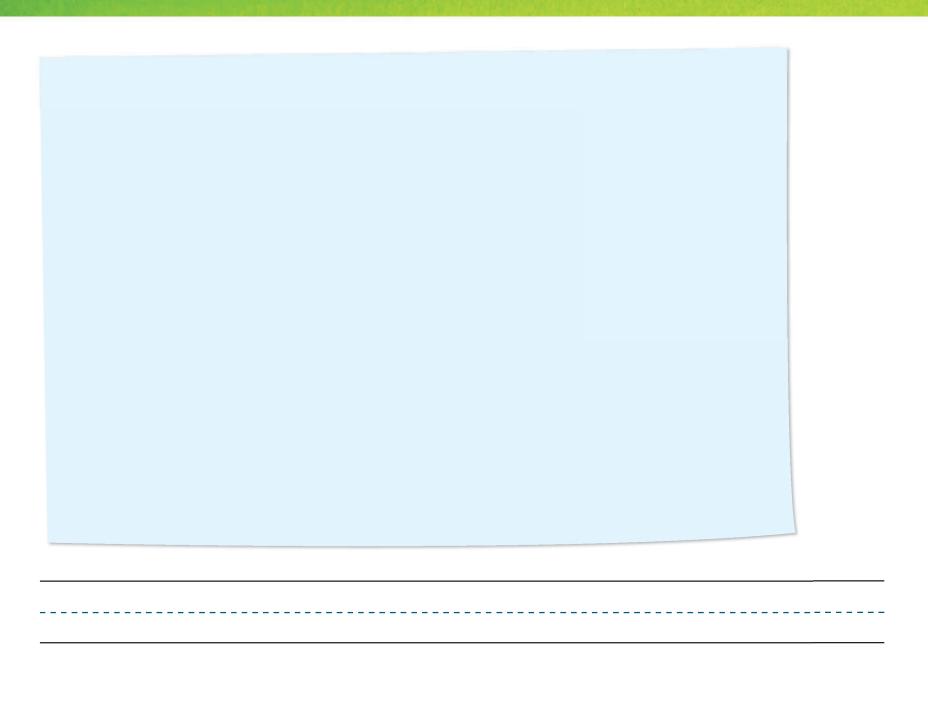


Write About It

Draw someone celebrating a holiday. Label your picture to tell what happens.









How Do People and Places Help Us Learn About America?



Lesson Outcomes

What Am I Learning?

You will explore special people and places in our country.

Why Am I Learning It?

You will understand more about what it means to be an American.

How Will I Know that I Learned It?

You will draw and write a story about a person or place you learned about.

Talk About It

Look closely at the picture. What do you know about this place? Why is this place important to our country?

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Read the text.

What special place is this?

Circle the name of the place.

2 Find **Evidence**

Reread the text.

Why do people go to see Mount Rushmore?

Draw a box around the cause.



Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore is a special place in our country.

It is located in South Dakota. This is Mount Rushmore long ago.



Mount Rushmore has the faces of four presidents on it.

People carved the faces into the rock. The faces are 60 feet tall!



This is Mount Rushmore today. Many people go to see it!

3 Make Connections

Talk Why
is Mount
Rushmore an
important place
in America?

4 Research Companion

Investigate Read pages 126–133 in your Research Companion.

Look for causes and effects.

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Think about what you read.
What are special places in our country?
How have people helped our country?

Talk About It

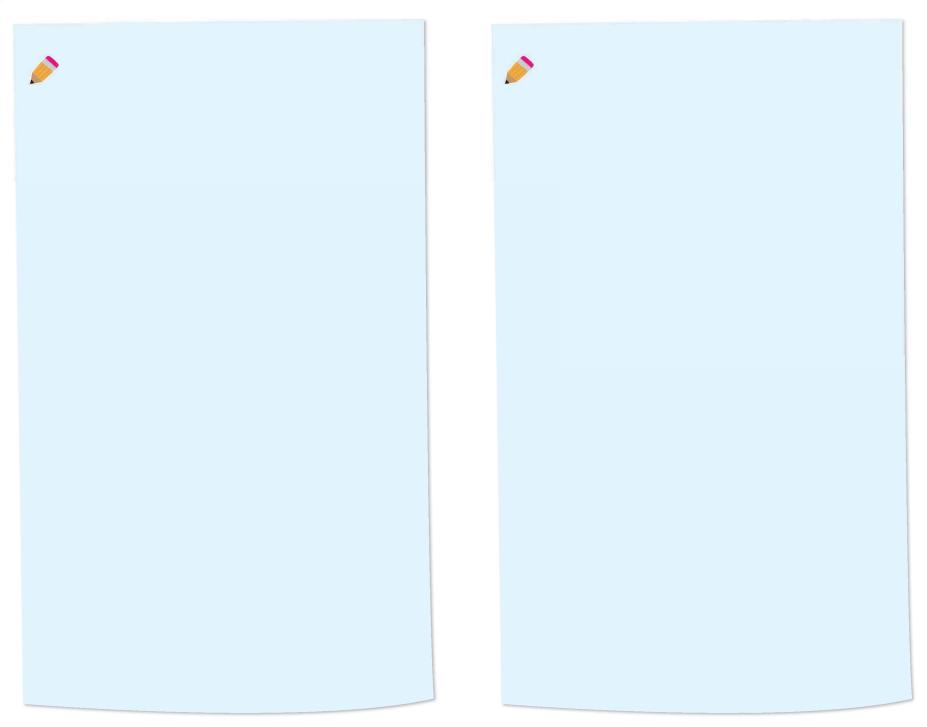


Talk with your partner about the people and places you learned about.
What did you learn about the people and places?

Write About It

Choose a person or a place.
Write and draw to tell about the person or place you chose.







How Do We Celebrate California?



Lesson Outcomes

What Am I Learning?

You will explore how we celebrate our state.

Why Am I Learning It?

Learning about ways we celebrate our state will help you understand more about it.

How Will I Know that I Learned It?

You will draw a picture of the symbol you think best represents California.

Talk About It



Look closely at the picture. What do you see?



Look at the flag.

Circle the things you think are important.

2 Find **Evidence**

Look Again at the flag.

What parts of the flag tell us something about our state?

Draw a box around those parts.



Our California

We live in the state of California.

Our state is part of the United States of America.

We are proud of our state.



This is our state flag.

It celebrates California!



- The bear stands for strength.
- 2 The red stripe stands for courage.

3 Make Connections

Talk How does the flag represent our state?

4 Research Companion

Investigate Read pages 134–139 in your Research Companion.

Think about what you read.

How do we celebrate California?

Write About It

Which holiday or symbol do you think best represents our state?

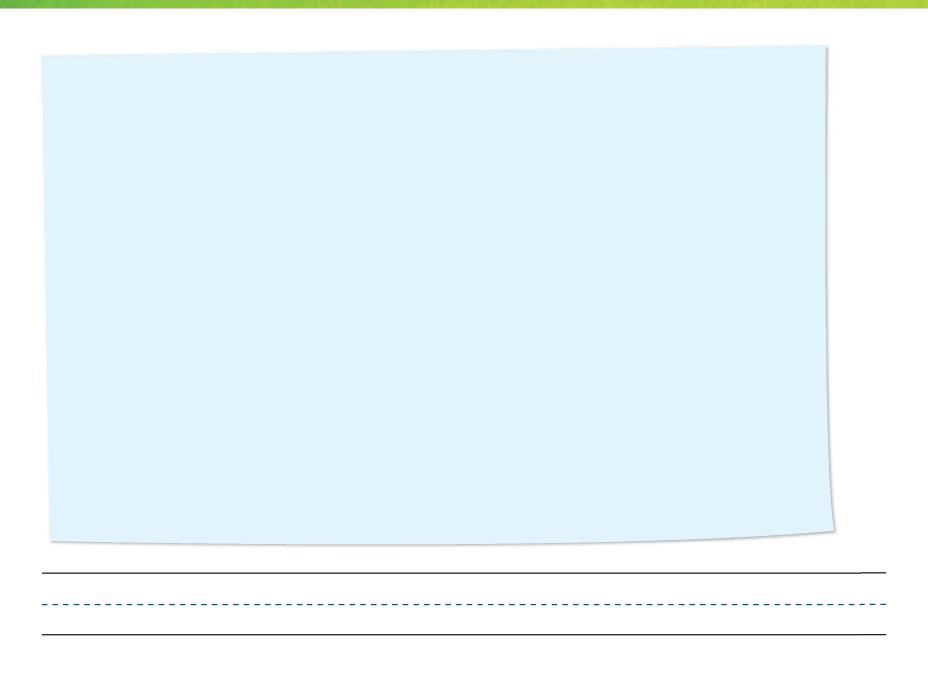
Draw a picture of the holiday or symbol.

Label your picture.

Talk About It



Talk with your partner about your picture. Why did you choose that holiday or symbol?





How Do We Show Pride in Our Nation?



Lesson Outcomes

What Am I Learning?

You will explore ways we show pride in our nation.

Why Am I Learning It?

You will understand more about how we can help our country.

How Will I Know that I Learned It?

You will draw about a way you can show you are proud.

Talk About It



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Look closely at the picture. How do the children feel about our country?

HSS.K.1.2, HSS.K.2, HSS.K.6.2, HAS.HR.2



Read the text.

Look at the pictures.

Who is this text about?

Draw a box around that person.

2 Find **Evidence**

Reread the text.

Look Again at the pictures.

What did Betsy Ross make?

Circle what she made.



The Story of Betsy Ross

Betsy Ross was born in 1752.

In school, she learned to read and write.

Betsy also learned to sew.

She made blankets, curtains, and rugs.

She made tents and flags too.



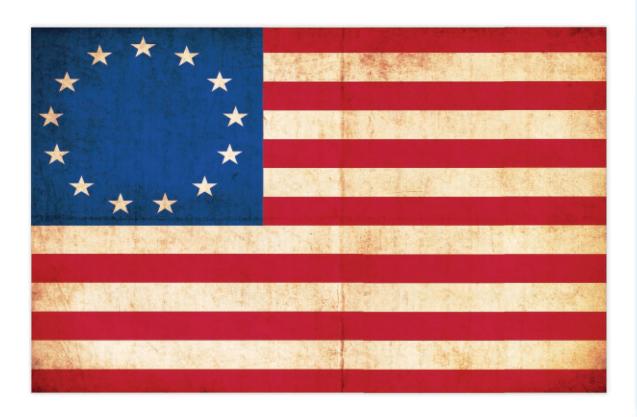
People say that Betsy made our country's first flag.

George Washington asked her to make it.

Betsy used George's idea for the flag.

Betsy made the first stars and stripes.

This is the first United States flag.



3 Make Connections

Talk Look
at the first
flag. How is
it the same as our
flag now? How is
it different? What
questions do you
have about the flag?

4 Research Companion

Investigate Read pages 140–147 in your Research Companion.

Look for main topics and key details.

Think about what you read.

How can we show we are proud of our nation?

Talk About It



Talk with your small group about ways we can show we are proud.

Write About It

Choose the idea you think best shows you are proud.

Draw your idea. **Label** your picture.







It's time for you to share your project! Here's what to do.

- ☐ Show your picture.
- ☐ Tell why you think the symbol or holiday best represents America.
- ☐ Listen to comments and questions.

Tips for Presenting

Remember these tips when you present to your class.

- ☐ Speak loudly and clearly.
- ☐ Answer questions with complete sentences.
- ☐ Relax and enjoy yourself!

Project Rubric

Use these questions to help evaluate your project.

	Yes	No
Did I draw a picture of an American symbol or holiday?		
Did I tell why I think the symbol or holiday represents America?		
Did I use complete sentences to answer questions?		

Project Reflection

Think about what you did in this chapter. What is one thing you did well? What would you change? Tell a partner.

Read Together

Our Flag

See our flag raised on high?

It waves softly in the sky.

See the colors that are so bright?

I see blue and red and white.





