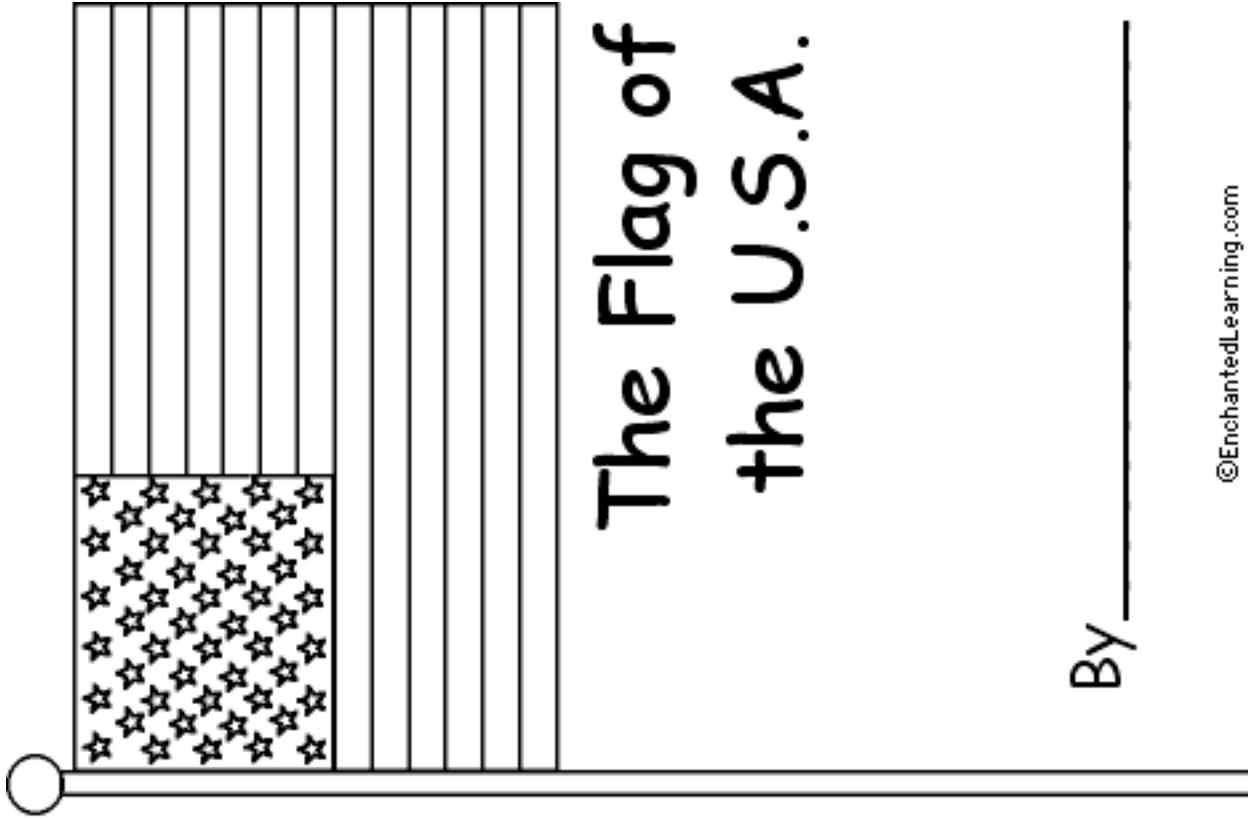


The Flag of the U.S.A.



A grid of 50 white stars arranged in 10 rows and 5 columns. The stars are positioned in the bottom-left corner of the grid. Above the grid, the text "50 white stars on a blue background" is written with an arrow pointing to the grid.

The flag of the United States of America is a national symbol of freedom. The flag is often called the "Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory." Flag Day is celebrated in the USA on June 14.

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## Stars in the US Flag

Alabama	Louisiana
Alaska	Maine
Arizona	Maryland
Arkansas	Massachusetts
California	Michigan
Colorado	Minnesota
Connecticut	Mississippi
Delaware	Missouri
Florida	Montana
Georgia	Nebraska
Hawaii	Nevada
Idaho	New Hampshire
Illinois	New Jersey
Indiana	New Mexico
Iowa	New York
Kansas	North Carolina
Kentucky	Wyoming



There are 50 stars in the US flag.  
Each star represents a US state.

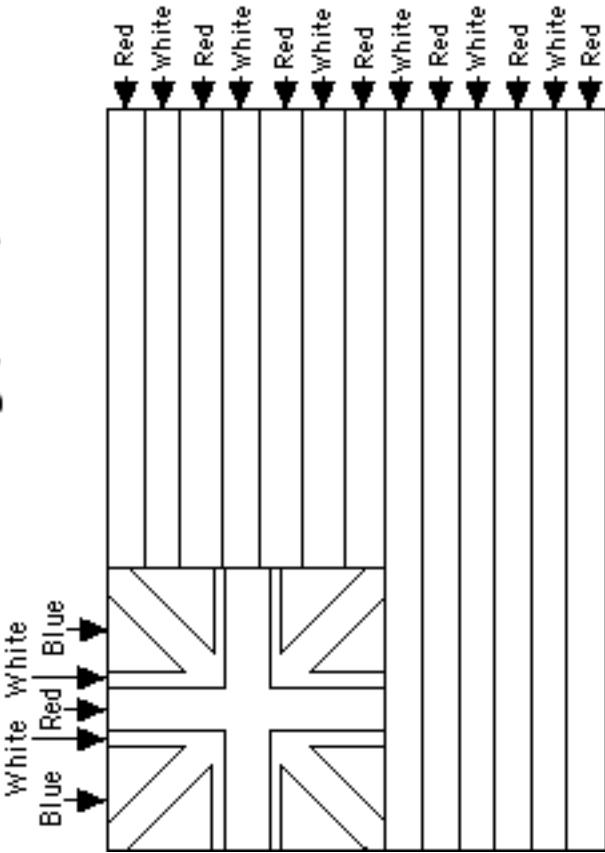
Circle the states you have been to.

## Stripes in the US Flag

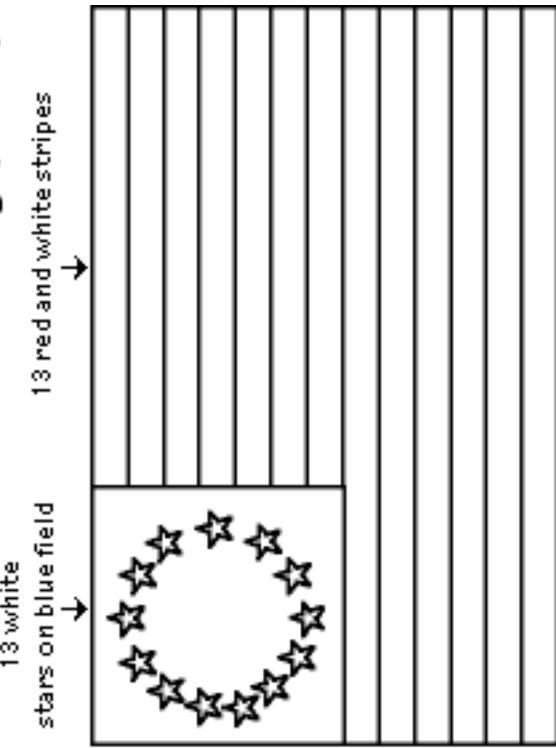
Delaware
Pennsylvania
New Jersey
Georgia
Connecticut
Massachusetts
Maryland
South Carolina
New Hampshire
Virginia
New York
North Carolina
Rhode Island

There are 13 stripes in the US flag - there are 7 red stripes and 6 white stripes.  
The stripes represent the original 13 colonies.

## Grand Union Flag (1775)



## Thirteen Colonies Flag (1777)



The Grand Union flag was an early American flag that was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1775. It was first flown in December, 1775, by the Colonial fleet of ships. On land, it was first flown on January 1, 1776, at George Washington's camp near Boston, Massachusetts.

Betsy Ross (or more likely, Francis Hopkinson, a tailor and signer of the Declaration of Independence) made this flag with 13 stars, one for each of the colonies: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island.

## The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's  
last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through  
the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so  
gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting  
in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was  
still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave?

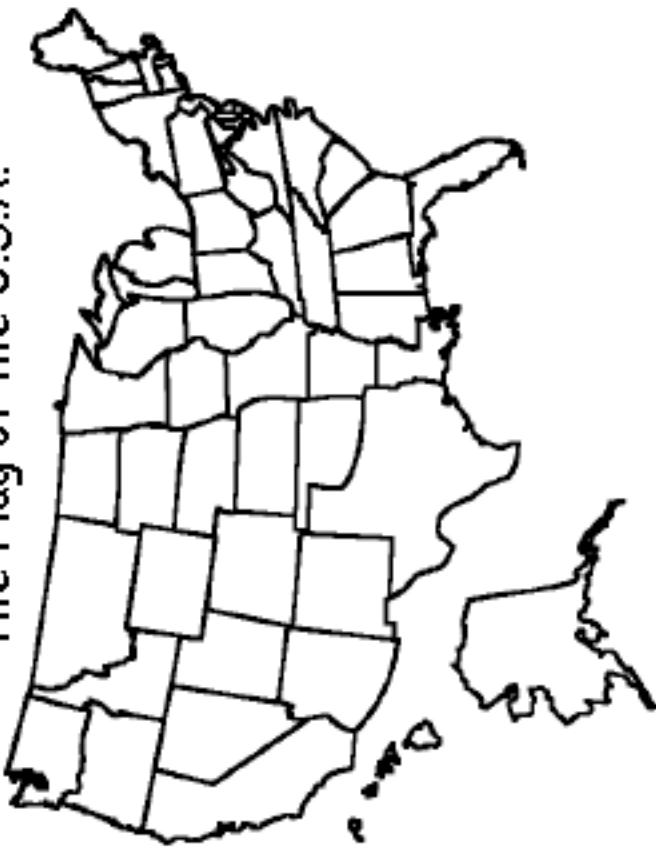
## The Pledge of Allegiance

**I pledge allegiance to  
the flag of the United  
States of America, and  
to the Republic for  
which it stands, one  
Nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty  
and justice for all.**

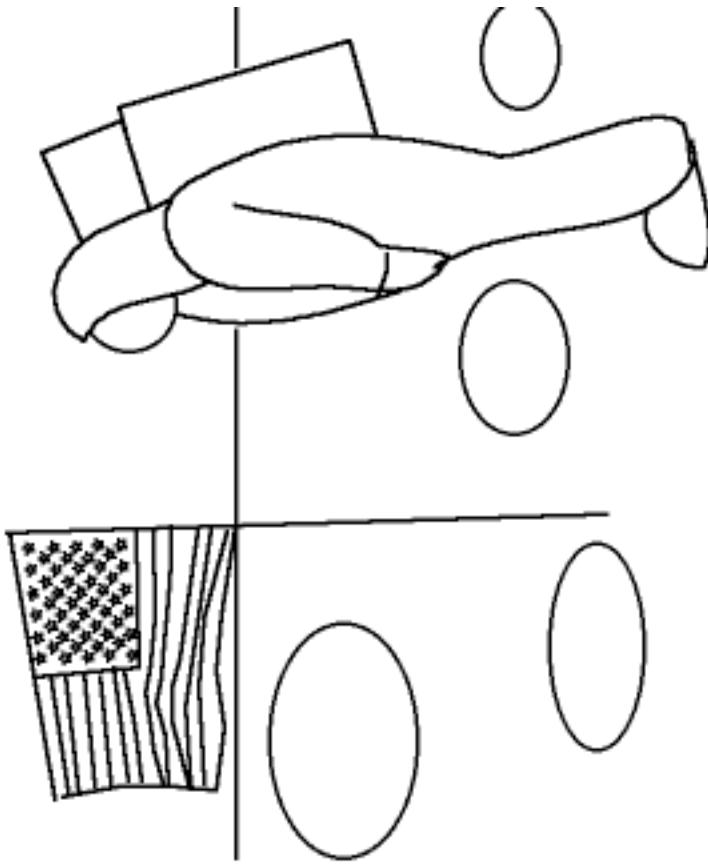
The Star Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 after he saw a US flag still flying after a battle with the British (during the war of 1812). It became the US National Anthem in 1931.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written by Francis Bellamy; it was originally published in a children's magazine. The words, "under God" were added to the pledge on June 14, 1954.

## The Flag of the U.S.A.



## The US Flag on the Moon



As new states were admitted to the USA, more stars were added to the flag.

The current US flag was adopted on July 4, 1960, a few months after Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state of the USA.

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong placed a US flag on the moon. Neil Armstrong was the first person to visit the moon. There are now six US flags on the moon (one left by each Apollo mission).