

History

Flags In Australia



For Middle Primary



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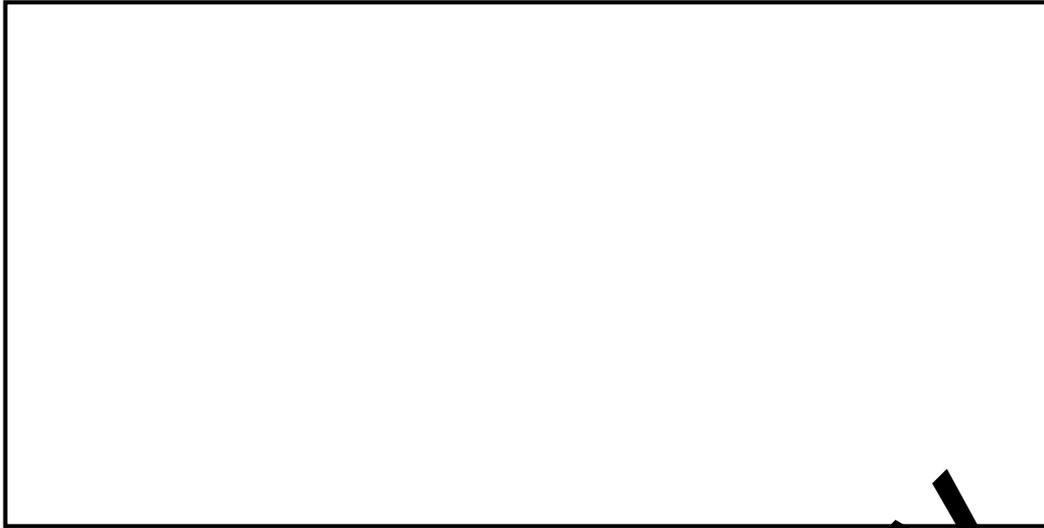
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Activity

The National Flag

Draw and colour the Australian National Flag. Copy it carefully.



What is the significance of:

The Southern Cross: _____

The Commonwealth Star: _____

The Union Jack: _____

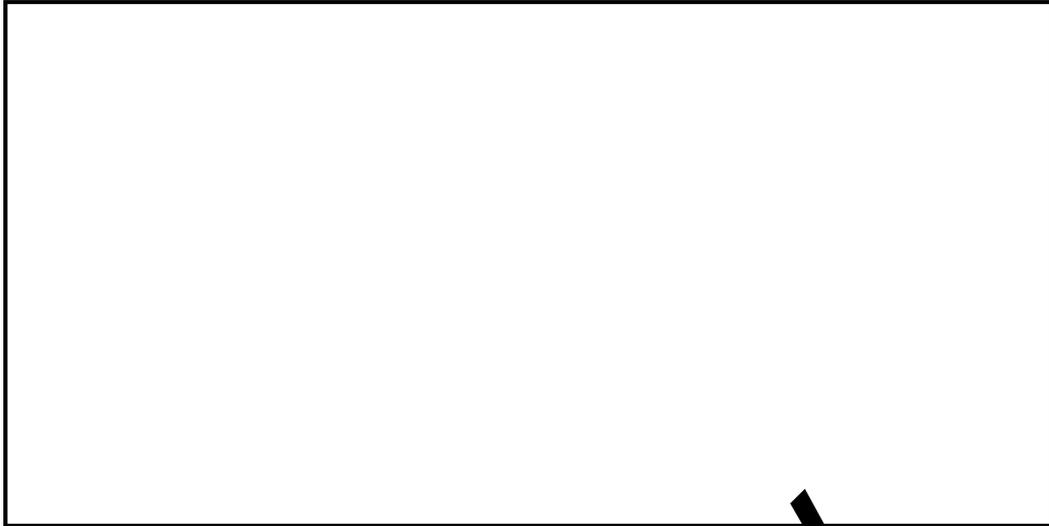
5 flag facts are...

Some flag rules are...

Activity

The Australian Aboriginal Flag

- Draw and colour the Australian Aboriginal Flag. Copy it carefully.

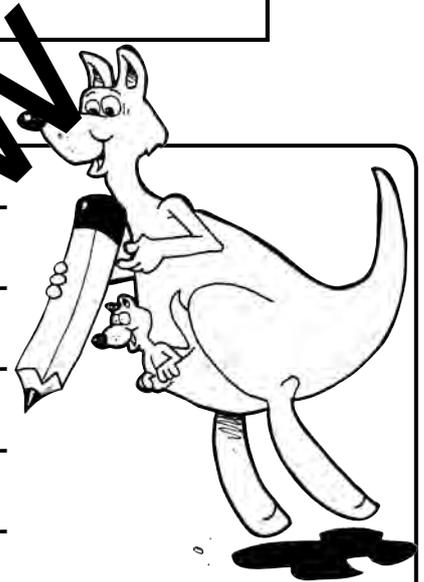


Significance of the flag

Yellow: _____

Red: _____

Black: _____

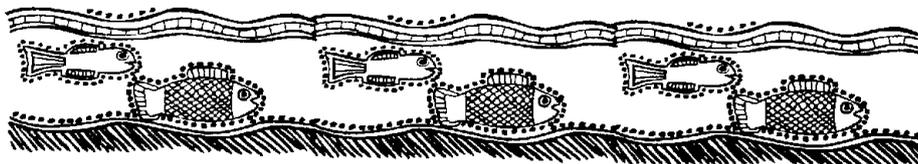


Questions

Who designed the flag? _____

When? _____

Where is the Australian Aboriginal Flag flown in your local area?



Activity

The Torres Strait Islander Flag

- Draw and colour the Torres Strait Islander Flag. Copy it carefully.



Significance of colours & symbols

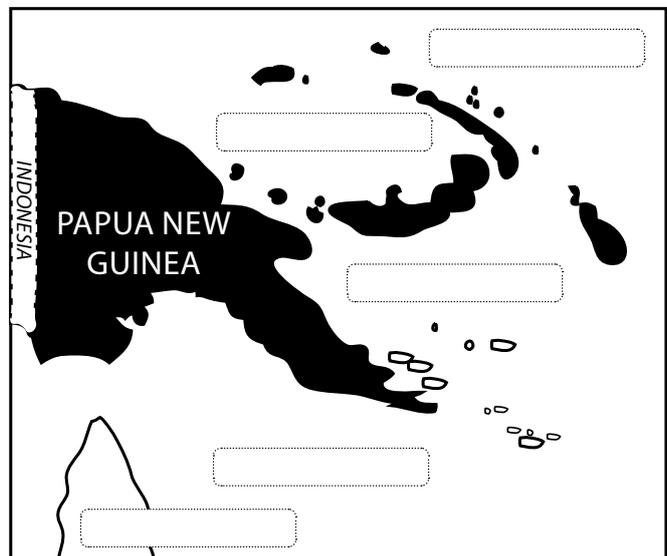
Green: _____
Black: _____
Head-dress: _____
Blue: _____
Star: _____

Questions

- Who designed the flag?

- When was it first flown?

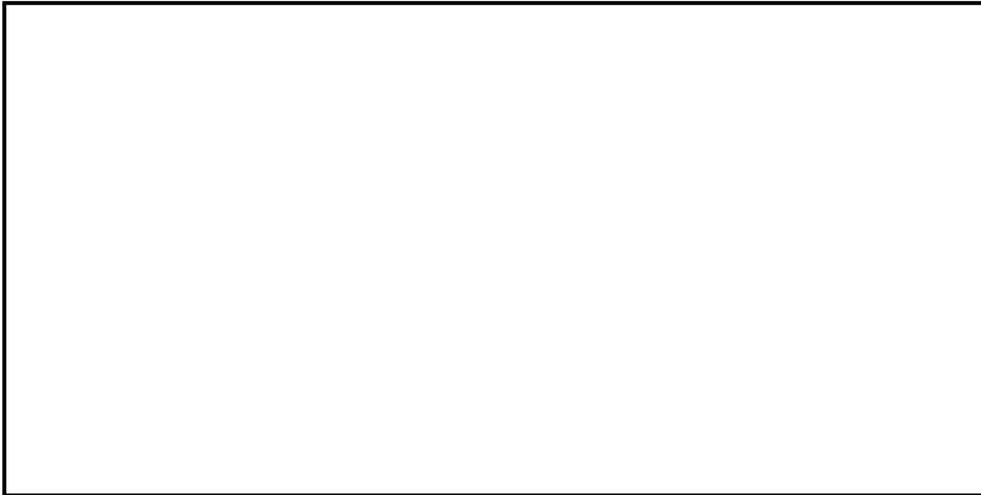
- Mark on the map where the Torres Strait Seas and Islands are by circling the area. Fill in the missing places.



Activity

The Eureka Stockade Flag

- Draw and colour the Eureka Stockade Flag. Copy it carefully.

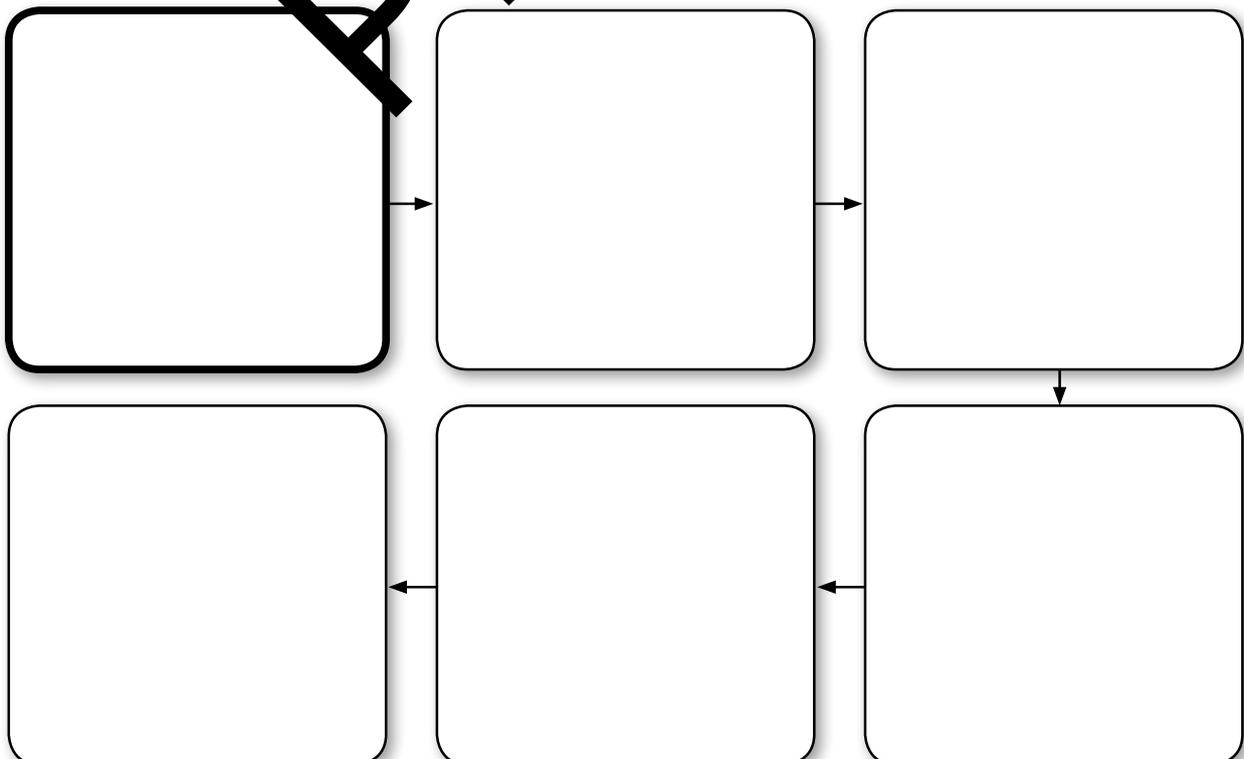


Questions

- What are the stars believed to symbolise?

- What is the cross believed to symbolise?

Tell the history of the Eureka flag as a storyboard...



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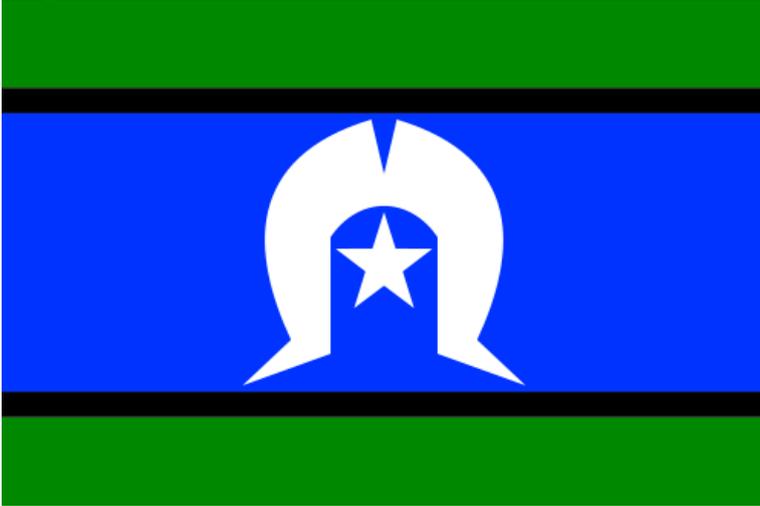
- The Southern Cross represents Australia's geographical position in the Southern Hemisphere as you can't see this constellation from the Northern Hemisphere. The Commonwealth Star represents all the different states and territories in Australia and the Union Jack symbolises early colonisation of Australia.
- Possible facts: Ivor Evans, a 14 year old schoolboy from Melbourne, Leslie Hawkins, a teenager from Sydney, Egbert Nuttall, an architect from Melbourne, Annie Dorrington, an artist from Perth and William Stevens, a ship's officer from Auckland, New Zealand created the flag. They all won a design competition as their entries were almost identical and shared the £200 prize money.
- Rules: The flag must always be flown in a superior position to any other flag if flown in Australia or on Australian territory. It can be flown on every day of the year. It should not be flown/displayed upside down. It is not to be placed or dropped on the ground, or used to cover an object. Tattered flags should not be displayed.

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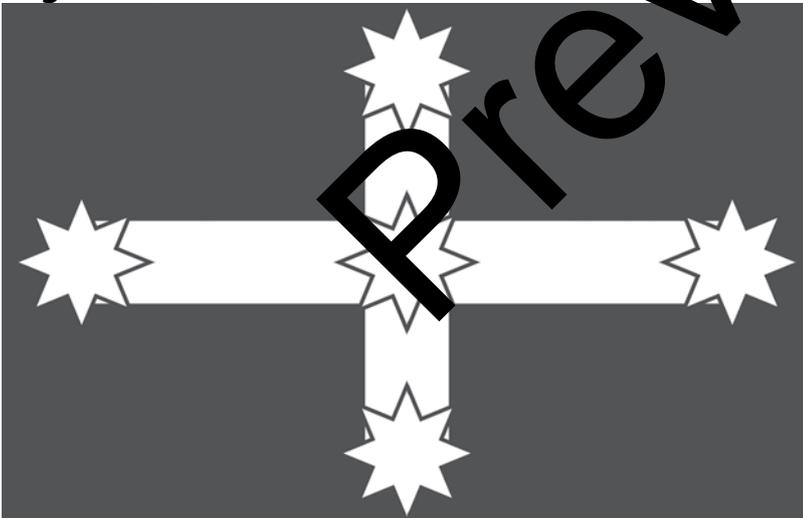
- Yellow represents the sun and yellow ochre. Red represents the red earth which symbolises the people's relationship with the land and red ochre. Black represents the Aboriginal people.
- Aboriginal Elder Harold Thomas designed the flag in 1971.

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- Green represents the islands or land, the blue represents the waters of the Torres Strait and the black represents the people. The head-dress also symbolises the people and the five pointed star represents the five main island zones. The star could also represent navigation as they are a sea-faring culture.)
- Islander Bernard Namok designed the flag and it was first flown in 1992.

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- Ask them to record what the stars and the cross are believed to symbolise. (Stars: Southern Cross. Cross: unity among the miners.)
- It was created by Australian gold miners. They were angry at the government who made them pay for licences before they began digging for gold. Many miners believed the licence fees were too high and protested in a street battle against police known as the Eureka Stockade in 1854 in Ballarat, Victoria. This is where the flag was first flown. The miners were defeated and many were injured. The battle lasted 10 minutes and the flag was left in tatters. Gold licences, however, were abolished soon after.