Wreaths Across America
Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date:
Grade: Kindergarten	Lesson: Symbols of the United States Find A Way to Serve-Wave the Flag on Tuesday Mornings with Wreaths Across America!

OBJECTIVES:	**STRATEGIES:**
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.4-Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail. NCSS-1	☐ Drawing/Coloring ☐ Think/Pair/Share ☐ Model-How to say the Pledge of Allegiance ☐ Collaboration ☐ Discussion Questions ☐ Small Groups ☐ Large Group

MATERIALS:	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; Copies of Symbols of the United States; Classroom set of small American Flags
Engage: Hook the students	1. Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer. T/P/S Question: What is a symbol? Give students an opportunity to answer. Explain to students that a symbol is something that stands for something else. 2. Wave to your students without saying anything. Ask them what that is a symbol for? Give the students the "thumbs-up" sign. Ask them what that is a symbol for?
Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Tell the students our country has symbols just like we do, and today they will learn about symbols of the United States. Play the video US Symbols-BrainPOP Jr.
Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.	Symbol-something that stands for something else American Flag-symbol for the entire country National Anthem-The Star-Spangled Banner Pledge of Allegiance-a promise to have loyalty to the United States Statue of Liberty-a gift from France in 1776, it stands for freedom, hope and friendship between countries Liberty Bell-represents freedom, it rang to announce independence in 1776 Washington, DC-the national capital of the United States Bald Eagle-the national bird of the United States The White House-where the US President lives and works
Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.	Play the Pledge of Allegiance with Cadence video After playing the video, ask the students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance; color the Pledge of Allegiance coloring sheet; complete the Matching Symbols to Vocabulary Worksheet
Evaluate: assessment.	Matching Symbols to Vocabulary Worksheet, oral recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Enrichment/Service-Learning	Read the Freeport Flag Ladies, wave your American Flags on Tuesday mornings with Wreaths Across America, help WAA share the message to Remember-Honor-Teach

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United States Symbols Matching Activity

Draw a line from the item name to the picture!!











The Star Spangled Banner

The National Anthem

The Bald Eagle

The White House

Liberty Bell

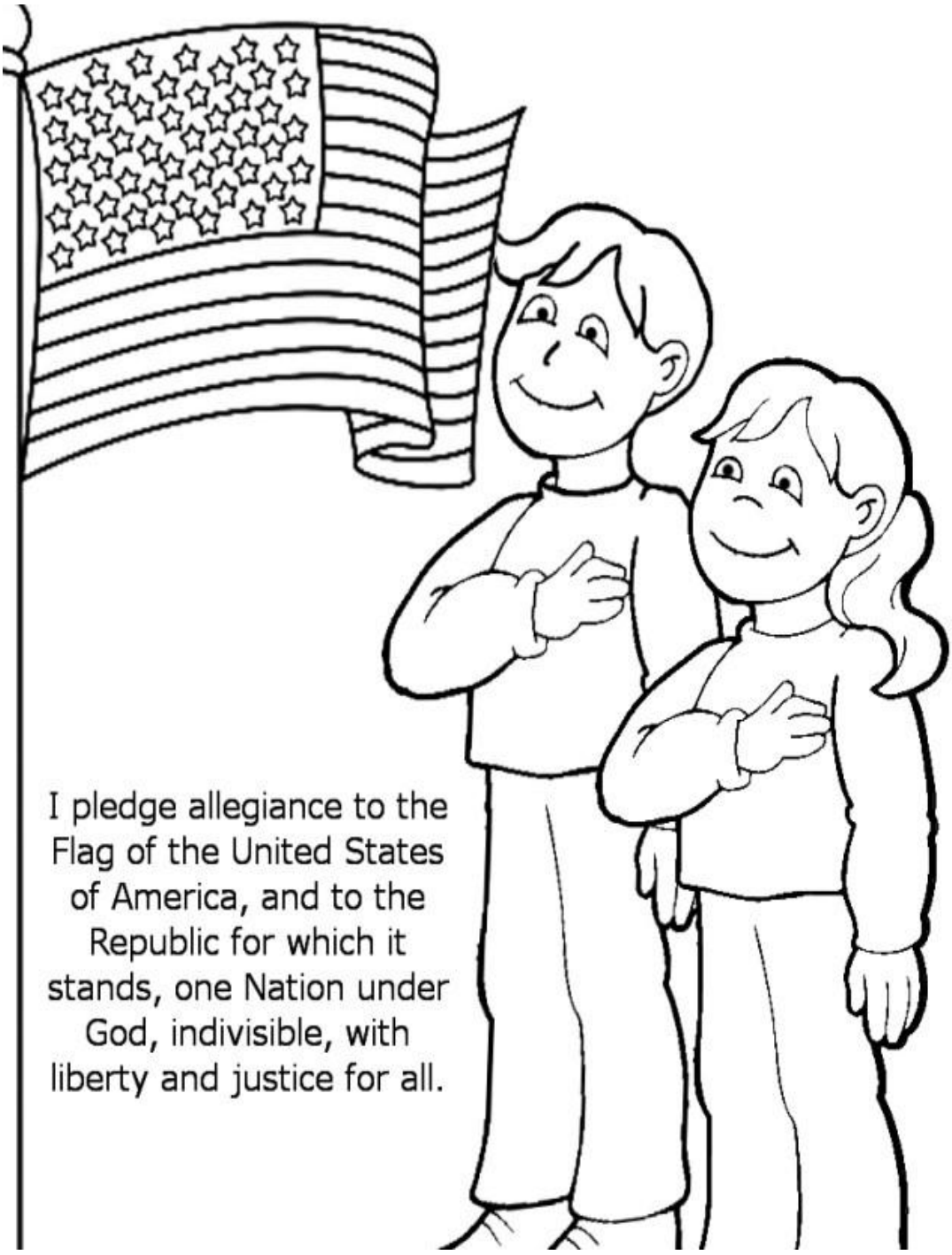
Statue of Liberty

American Flag

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When you say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, you should stand at attention facing the flag with your right hand over your heart.



Listen to the story about the Freeport Flag Ladies.

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On Sept. 11, 2001, at 8:45 am, an airplane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. Everyone thought it was a tragic accident, including the President of the United States, George W. Bush. President Bush was reading to a group of second grade students in Sarasota, Florida, when a second airplane hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center. At that point, he knew the United States was under attack.

Later that evening, President Bush encouraged all Americans to pray for the families of those who died or were missing following the attacks.

Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and JoAnn Miller prepared to join their Freeport, Maine community in a candlelight vigil for the victims. As the three women got ready to leave their home for the event, Elaine stopped to grab an old American flag that was behind their front door. When the women got to their destination, Elaine raised the flag-as motorists honked their horns and people cheered.

Every Tuesday morning, for the next 18 years, (over nine hundred Tuesdays in all) the three women stood on that corner of Main Street in Freeport, waving the American flag as a symbol of loyalty and allegiance to our country.

The women were nicknamed the “Freeport Flag Ladies.” They spoke at schools, met the president, rode in parades, and participated in many other things to pass on their love for our country to others. They were happy to do what they could, but by 2019, the women, who ranged in age from 74-83, decided to “retire.”

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Columbia Falls, Maine. When WAA found out the Freeport Flag Ladies were going to retire, they decided to continue the flag waving tradition, and every Tuesday morning, you will find them on U.S. Route 1, in Jonesboro, Maine waving the American Flag!

Wreaths Across America would love for your class to wave the American Flag on Tuesday mornings and share your pictures using the hashtag #AmericaStrong, when posting to social media, please tag the Wreaths Across America Facebook page.