2nd & 3rd Grades
Lesson Plan
Flag Day
# Wreaths Across America
## Lesson Plan

**Teacher:** [Teacher's Name]  
**Date:** [Date]  
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**Lesson:** Flag Day

### OBJECTIVES: NCSSS; 10. CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES
An understanding of civic ideals and practices is critical to full participation in society and is an essential component of education for citizenship. This theme enables students to learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizens of a democracy, and to appreciate the importance of active citizenship.

### STRATEGIES:
- Drawing/Coloring
- Writing
- Graphic Organizer
- Poetry
- Small Groups
- Drawing

### MATERIALS:
- Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; White Cardstock and Art Materials; Copies of the 3-4-5 Informational Text Graphic Organizer; Copies of the Anna Celebrates Flag Day Short Creative Writing Exercise; Copies of the Acrostic Poem Worksheet; Copies of Betsy Ross Coloring Sheet; Copies of the US Flag Maze from Betsy Ross to the Present

### Engage: Hook the students
Play the Pledge of Allegiance with Mrs. Willey YouTube video  
[https://youtu.be/q5NurQjpFTw](https://youtu.be/q5NurQjpFTw)  
After playing the video, ask the students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
Hand out cardstock and art materials to students.
Play the YouTube Video Art for Kids Hub “How To Draw The American Flag”  
[https://youtu.be/_NGecEjMDew](https://youtu.be/_NGecEjMDew)

### Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.
[https://youtu.be/GrrmmCon62c](https://youtu.be/GrrmmCon62c)  
Hand out the 3-4-5 Informational Text Graphic Organizer. Allow students time to complete the graphic organizer.
Hand out copies of the Anna Celebrates Flag Day Short Creative Writing Exercise. Allow students time to complete the writing exercise.
Hand out the Acrostic Poem Worksheet. Read the directions and the example aloud. Give a couple of examples if needed. Allow students time to complete their acrostic poem.
Hand out the Betsy Ross Coloring Sheet. Allow students time to color the sheet.
Hand out the US Flag Maze from Betsy Ross to the Present. Explain how to work a maze if necessary. Allow students time to complete the maze.

### Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.
-genre- American Revolution  
-informational text- War of 1812  
-colonies- Betsy Ross

### Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.
Students learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizens of a democracy, and to appreciate the importance of active citizenship by completing the materials and activities in this lesson plan.

### Evaluate: assessment.
The teacher will determine the activities that will be utilized for formal and informal assessment.

### Enrichment/Service-Learning Project
Participate in the tradition started by the Freeport Flag Ladies of waving the American Flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Share your class or your school participating in this event by documenting your participation and sharing it with others around the world!  
#FlagsAcrosstheCountry share it here.

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#### 3-4-5 Informational Text Graphic Organizer

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**Write 4 things you learned from the book you did not know.**

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**Three Fun Facts You Learned:**

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Anna Celebrates Flag Day
Color the picture & write a story about the picture in the box below! Use the brief introduction to start your story!!

Anna was ready to

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Writing an Acrostic Poem

An Acrostic Poem is a poem where certain letters in each line spell out a word or phrase. See the example below, then create your own Acrostic Poem using the letters in the box at the bottom of the page!

DASHING, BARKING, RUNNING ALL OVER THE PLACE - BUT HE IS THE GREATEST FRIEND I COULD EVER HAVE!!

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This coloring page of BETSY ROSS was the first in a series of coloring pages celebrating the bicentennial of the United States. The series ran in some newspapers from July of 1975 to May of 1976 and was titled "The Spirit of 1776".

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US Flag Maze from Betsy Ross to the Present
ANSWER KEY

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Enrichment/Service-Learning Project

The Battle of Baltimore inspired the lyrics of lawyer and poet Francis Scott Key in 1814. “O, say, can you see by the dawn’s early light what so proudly we hailed through the twilight’s last gleaming…” The waving American flag before, during, and after the fight was seen as a source of inspiration and resilience. The red, white, and blue stars and stripes, also named “Old Glory,” have long symbolized patriotism, unity, and the spirit of pride in our nation.

Every Tuesday, Wreaths Across America encourages people all over the nation to take a moment to reflect on the common ground that unites us and say the Pledge of Allegiance. The Tuesday flag-waving tradition, now faithfully carried out on Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine, was started by the Freeport Flag Ladies in 2001 following the terrorist attacks of 9-11-2001. The Freeport Flag Ladies waved flags for over 900 Tuesdays until they retired in 2019.

A monument to the flag ladies stands on the site, and individuals and groups are welcome to gather every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM (Eastern) in person to raise and lower the flag during the pledge ceremony. Anyone can raise the flag on Tuesday mornings and recite the pledge with us, and Wreaths Across America encourages you to document your participation and share it with the nation.

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