

# OUR FLAGS: AUSTRALIAN SYMBOLS



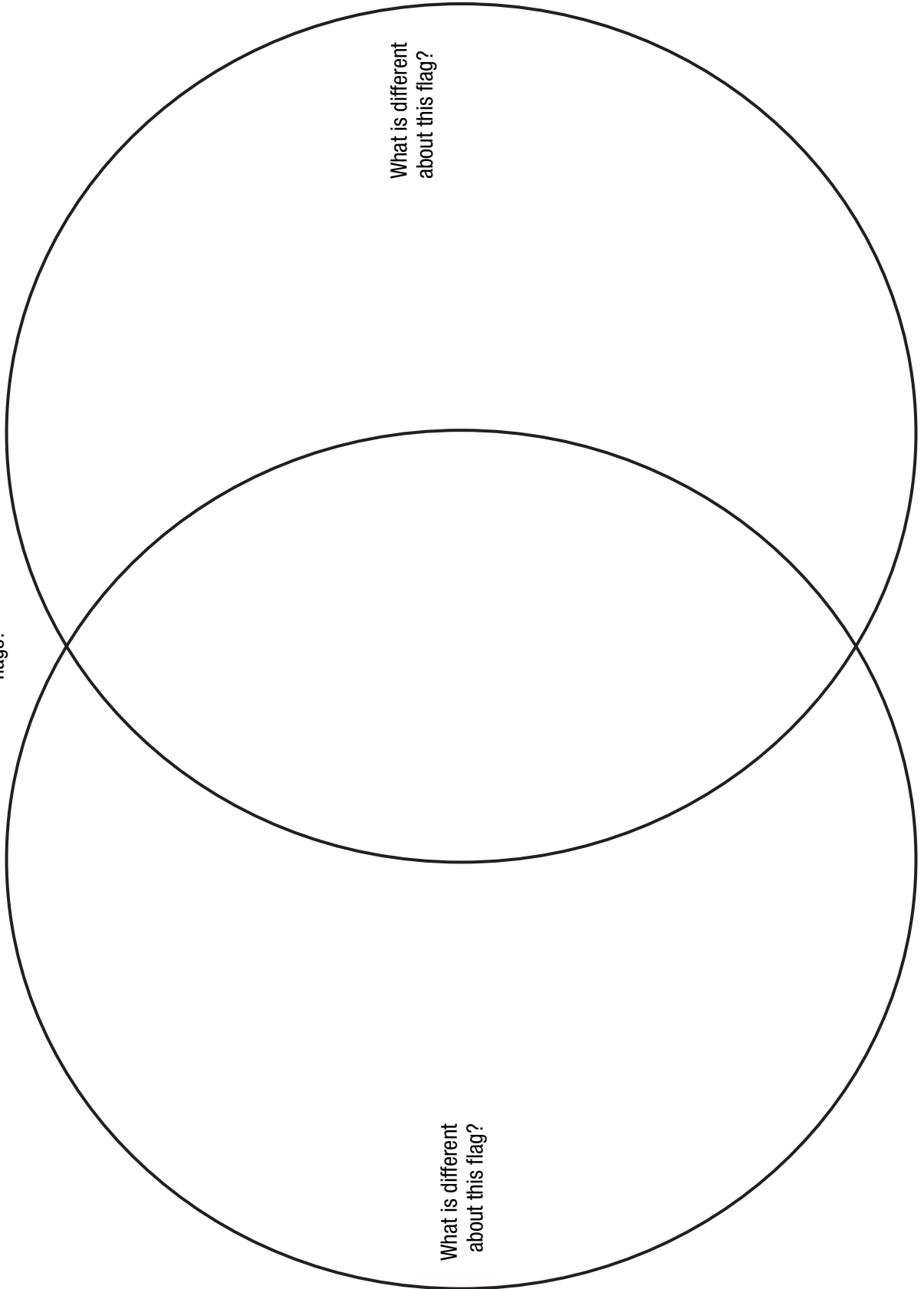
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Compare two flags you saw today, what is similar or different?

What is the same on both flags?

What is different about this flag?

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# SYMBOLS LIBRARY

Draw your symbols in  
these large boxes

Write down what your  
symbol means in these  
boxes underneath

## OTHER SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES – DESIGN YOUR FLAG

The Australian and Torres Strait Islander flags were selected from a competition. You might like to have a competition to select a flag for our school/ classroom.

1. Create a school flag using the following prompts:
2. Brainstorm on the white board: what words describe our school/ classroom
3. Choose three words
4. Design a symbol that represents each of the words
5. Choose 2 or 3 colours that represent your school. Here are some colours and their meanings:

**Black:** Determination. Defeat of enemies. Death. Mourning.

**White:** Peace. Purity. Harmony. Sincerity. Surrender in battle.

**Red:** Power. Revolution. Vibrancy. War. Bloodshed. Courage. Domination. Military Strength.

**Blue:** Determination. Liberty. Alertness. Good fortune. Truth. Loyalty.

**Green:** Agricultural influence. Prosperity. Fertility. Youthfulness. Hope. Joy.

**Yellow (or Gold):** Wealth. Energy. as in the sun. Happiness. Generosity.

**Orange:** Courage. Sacrifice. Ambition.

**Purple:** Royalty. Justice.

6. Create a flag design using the symbols and colours you have chosen.

Alternatively, use the below handout and have students design a flag using the symbols and colours listed.

## DESIGN A FLAG

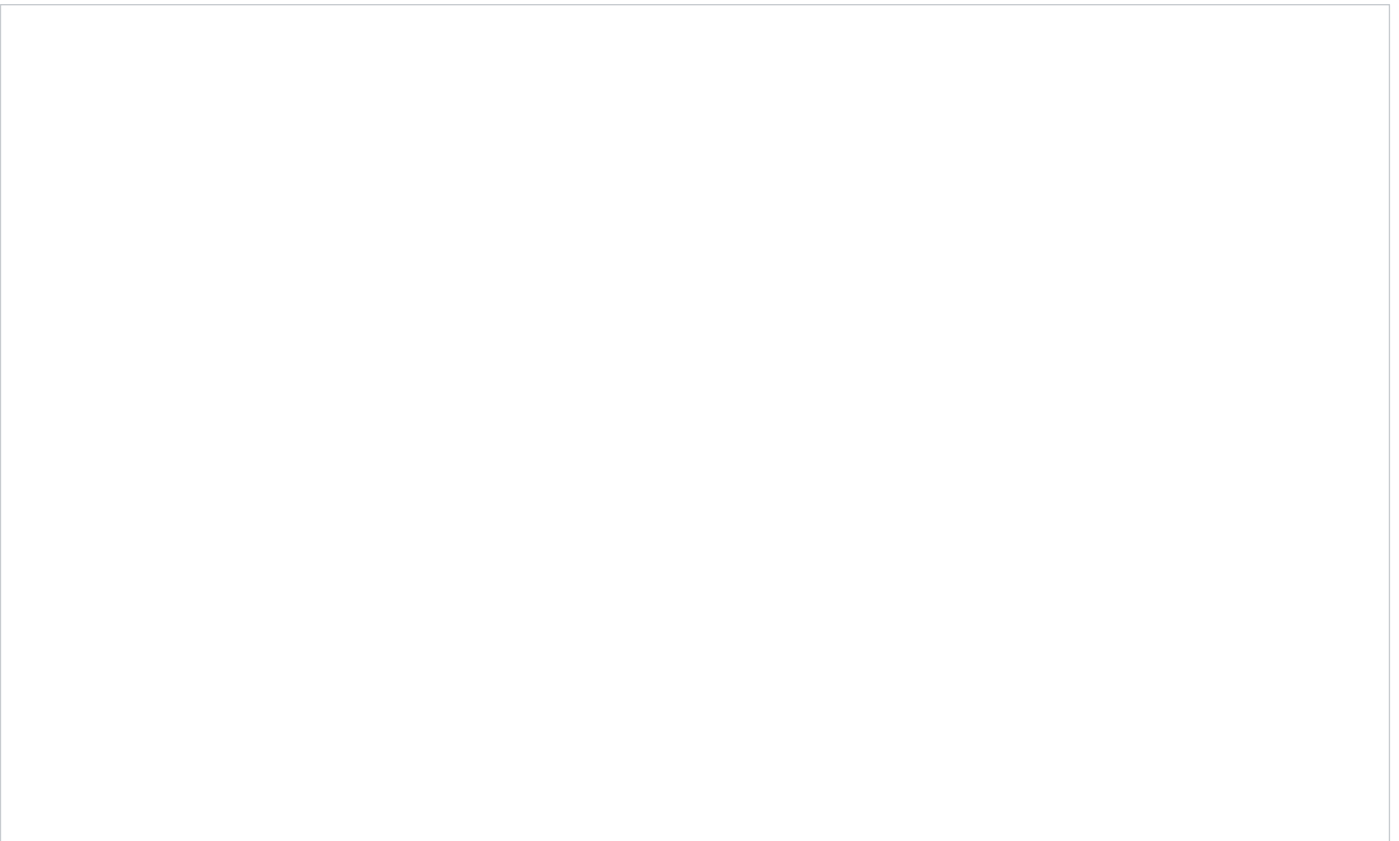
### Colours and their meanings

**Black:** Determination  
**White:** Peace.  
**Red:** Power.  
**Blue:** Loyalty.  
**Green:** Hope.  
**Yellow (or Gold):** Wealth.  
**Orange:** Courage.  
**Purple:** Royalty.

### Symbols and their meanings

**Ant:** Hard worker.  
**Angels:** Glory. Honour. Joy.  
**Arm or hand:** Leadership.  
**Axe:** Military.  
**Bird:** Peace. Affection.  
**Bull:** Bravery.  
**Book:** Education.  
**Butterfly:** Free Spirit.  
**Candle:** Light. Life. Spirituality.  
**Chess Pieces:** Strategy.  
**Cloud:** Mystery.  
**Comet:** Wisdom.  
**Compass:** Direction.  
**Cross:** Faith. Christianity.  
**Crown:** Victory. Royalty. Success.  
**Dogs:** Faithfulness. Reliability.  
**Dragon:** Defender of treasure.  
**Eagles:** Power. Nobility.  
**Flower:** Hope. Joy.  
**Grapes:** Freedom. Peace.  
**Hammer:** Honour.  
**Hares:** Speed.  
**Lightning bolt:** Swiftiness. Power.  
**Lions:** Bravery.  
**Moon:** Hope.  
**Mountain:** Stability.  
**Owl:** Wisdom.  
**Pen:** Education.  
**Scales:** Justice.  
**Snake:** Wisdom. Medicine.  
**Square:** Balance. Equal Opposites.  
**Stags:** Wisdom. Long life.  
**Stars:** Energy.  
**Two hands holding:** Unity.  
**Unicorn:** Extreme courage. Virtue.  
**Wolf:** Captain in battle.

## MY FLAG



What do the colours and symbols on your flag represent?

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