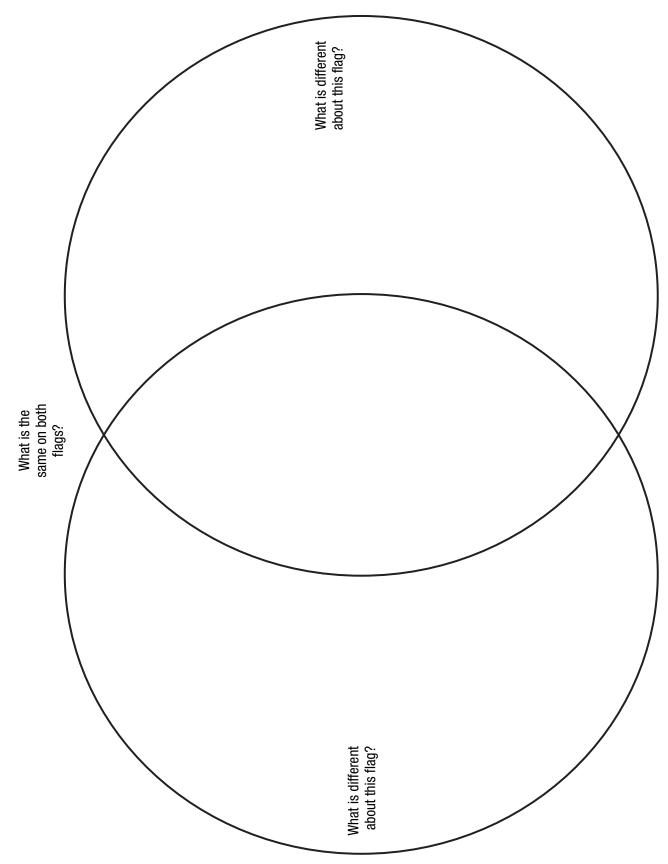
OUR FLAGS: AUSTRALIAN SYMBOLS

Name:

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



SYMBOLS LIBRARY

Draw your symbols in these large boxes	
Write down what your symbol means in these boxes underneath	
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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: Swiftness. 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?