

OUR FLAGS: AUSTRALIAN SYMBOLS

Name:

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

What is the
same on both
flags?

What is different
about this flag?

What is different
about this flag?

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?