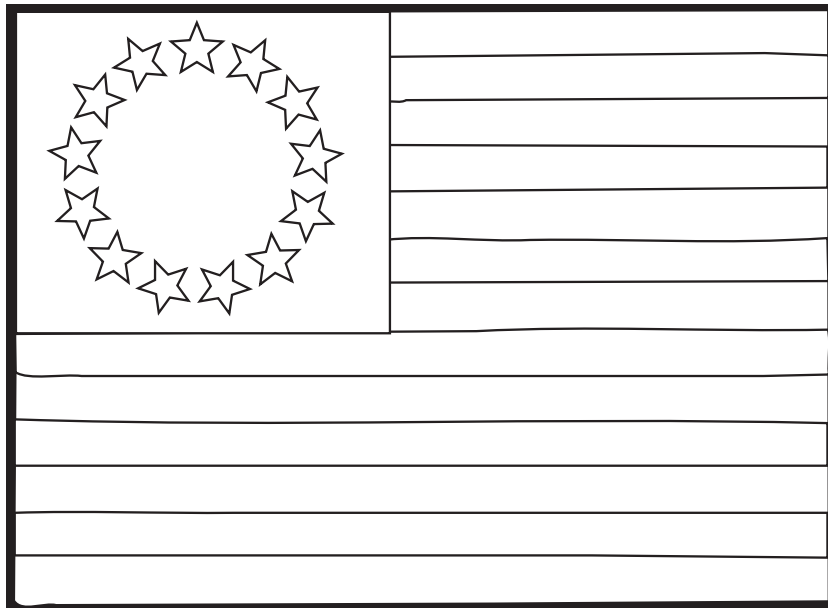




The First American Flag

Every part of the flag is symbolic, or stands for something about our United States. When the United States was a new country, its flag had 13 stars and 13 stripes.



Read about the first flag below. As you read, you'll find out how to color the flag!

- The 13 stripes stand for the original 13 Colonies that became the United States. The stripes are red and white. Red stands for bravery. Color the top stripe red. Then color every other stripe red.
- White stands for purity or goodness. Leave the rest of the stripes white.
- The 13 stars stand for the first 13 states. They are in a circle to show that they are all equal. The background behind the stars is blue. Blue stands for justice. Color the box around the stars blue. Leave the stars white.

 Why does our flag have 50 stars today?