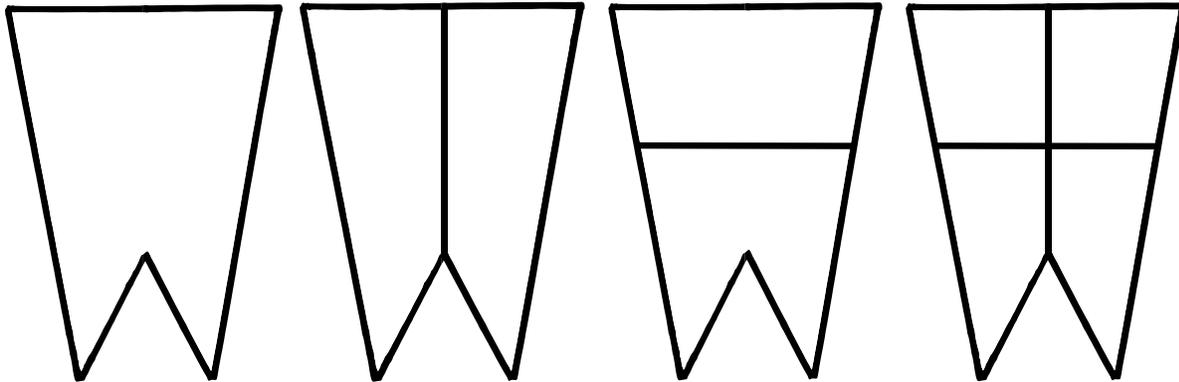


Create Your Own Flag

Pre-Site Activity



Throughout history, flags have been used to identify individuals, groups of people and entire countries. Flags were especially important when explorers went to new lands. Not only did their flag tell other people where they came from, it told the people who viewed it things about their homeland; what made it unique and special. This was all told through colors, symbols, and picture drawings (words and writing were not used on flags).

As explorers to Cabrillo National Monument, your job is to put symbols, designs and colors on the flag we have given you that represent your classroom or your school. For example, you may want to put your school mascot on the flag. If your school is by a valley, mountain, or water, you can add a picture representing that to your flag as well. Be creative! We have supplied you with some paint and paint brushes, but the fun doesn't need to stop there! Add glitter, iron on patterns, put tassels or fringe around the outside, do whatever you can think to make your flag unique and identifiable.

Flags were typically broken down into different sections so each symbol could be easily identified. The four flags at the top of this page are examples of different ways your flag can be divided, but if you come up with a more unique way, feel free to do that too. Your flag will hang like the ones above, so keep that in mind when drawing and orientating your pictures, symbols and designs.

When you bring your flag on your fieldtrip, we will have a pole to mount it on so you can proudly carry it around the park; letting everyone know where you came

from (and how artistic you are). If you have any questions, your teacher can email me or call me.

