

Community Flag

Note to Teachers: You will find the Chicago flag at <http://www.chicagohistory.org/mychicago/pdf/lesson1.pdf>
 Common Core Anchor Writing Standard 2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

What is important to a community?

A flag shows what is important about a place.

The flag of Chicago uses symbols to show what is important.

It has four stars. Each one stands for an important event.

- One is for Fort Dearborn, the first fort.
- One is for the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.
- One is for the World's Fair in 1893.
- The other is for the World's Fair of 1933.

Chicago's flag has two blue stripes. The first one is for Lake Michigan and the north branch of the Chicago River. The second one is for the south branch of the Chicago River and the Illinois Michigan Canal.

The flag also has three white stripes. They represent the three sections of Chicago. These sections are the north, south, and west. The Lake is to the east.

Design a flag for your community.

1. First, think of four important things about it.
2. Then think of a symbol for each one. A symbol is something that stands for something else. For example, the fifty stars on the U.S. flag each stand for one of the fifty states.
3. Then design the flag.

<i>What's Important to Our Community</i>	<i>How I Will Show It on the Flag (symbol)</i>

Draw your Community flag on another page.