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“Folding the Flag”

Grades 2-8

Objective: The student will learn the proper way to fold a flag.

Materials:

- Several T-shirts
- an American flag
- Instructions on how to fold a flag
 - <http://www.usflag.org/fold.flag.html>
- Paper flags
 - <http://www.printfree.com/Flags/Flag04.htm>

Procedure:

1. Lay T-shirts in the front of the classroom.
2. Invite volunteers to come and fold the shirts.
3. More than likely, the shirts will be folded differently. Allow students to discuss their observations about the folded shirts.
4. Ask students if they knew that there was a specific way to fold the American flag.
5. Share with students the reasons the American flag is folded in a specific way. There are reasons listed behind each fold. This information may be found at the first website listed above.
6. Now it is the students' turn to practice folding the American flag.
7. Using a real American flag, if possible, have two volunteers demonstrate how to correctly fold the American flag using the steps listed in the website as the rest of the class watches carefully.
8. Now that the class has seen the instructions, and watched the flag being folded, it is now their turn!
9. Pass out paper flags to each student. Have students work in pairs to help fold each other's flag.
10. As each pair finishes folding their flags, have them present their folded flags to you to inspect. Ask each student to list a reason why the flag is folded in this way.

Assessment:

Evaluate students folded flags and their oral response in procedure number ten.

