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## **“Our Flag Throughout History”**

Grades K-3

**Objective:** The student will recognize that the American flag has been through many changes as our country grew.

### **Materials:**

- Images of past and present American flags
  - <http://www.usflag.org/history/historicflags.html>
- Flag timeline
  - <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagfact.html>
- crayons
- Current U.S. Flag coloring sheet
  - [http://www.coloringcastle.com/flag\\_coloring\\_pages.html](http://www.coloringcastle.com/flag_coloring_pages.html)
- 13 Colonies Flag coloring sheet
  - <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/coloring-pages/flag-day-united-states-symbols/13-colonies-flag.html>

### **Procedure:**

1. Display images of all the American flags ever used. (Use website listed above.)
2. Ask students which one is the American flag.
3. Take guesses, and then lead a class discussion about how they are all the American flag, they were just used at different times.
4. Share with students the websites listed above. Students could view the flag timeline while you explain it. Make sure to point out to students the U.S. states that were added that caused for a need in the change of the number of stars. As you mention each state, point it out on a national map.
5. Pass out both coloring pages to each student.
6. As students are coloring, circulate the room and ask each student which flag is the current U.S. Flag. Once the correct flag is pointed out, ask students why the flag changed.

### **Assessment:**

Evaluate students' oral responses in procedure number six.

