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“Creating Stars”

Grades 4-8

Objective: The student will create a five-pointed star like the one that appears on the American flag by following oral or written directions. The student will use adjectives to describe what it is like to be an American.

Materials:

- white paper cut to 8 1/2 inches by 10 inches
- scissors
- paper
- pencils
- Directions to make stars
 - <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagstar.html>

Procedure:

1. To begin, have students describe the current American flag. Point out that the stars on the flag all have five points.
2. Inform students that if they follow the following oral directions exactly, that they can create a 5-pointed star, just like the ones on the American flag with one snip of their scissors.
3. Read the directions to make stars including the legend behind the directions (using the website listed above). (Or you could print a copy for each student and have students read individually.)
4. Have fun watching students attempt to make a five-pointed star in one snip!
5. Once students are successful in making their stars, have them write adjectives on their stars that describe what it is like to be an American.
6. Optional: Have students create a large flag on which to attach their stars.

Assessment:

Evaluate students on correctly following directions. Evaluate students on the use of adjectives to describe what it is like to be an American.