

ADDITIONAL LESSON IDEAS

1. Sing patriotic songs: Patriotic songs can be played in the background while students work on various activities.

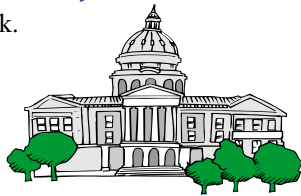
- ★ America the Beautiful
- ★ America
- ★ You're a Grand Old Flag
- ★ The Star-Spangled Banner (tell story of Francis Scott Key)

2. Money: ★ Discuss symbols and their meanings on money (coin and currency). Look at website www.frbsf.org/currency/iconography/plants.html

★ Design money that illustrates your feelings about America.

3. Write a Letter to your Congressman:

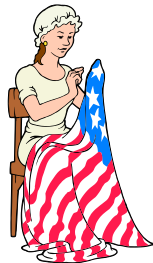
Find address in phonebook.
Student addresses and stamps his/her letter.
Student can also decorate letter and envelope with American symbols.



- ★ Write about America.
- ★ Ask questions about their job.
- ★ Thank him/her for their hard work.
- ★ Express concerns about problems in your community.

4. Five Pointed Star: See Figure 1

Follow written or oral directions to make a 5-pointed star.



Enlarge and copy the diagram and pass out to students.

5. Paper Chain:

Make a paper chain (red, white, & blue) print one word of the Pledge of Allegiance on each paper link, glue together. Explain, the United States is made from 50 states (individual paper links) but when connected (chain) we become one nation, indivisible.

6. Class Book: See Figure 2

Make class book about the Constitutional Convention. Hand-out preprinted sentence strips to pairs of students. Each partnership glues strip on an 11 x 17 paper, draw and color illustrations to match text. Put pages in chronological order.

This lesson can be modified by having students compose their own sentences, write sentence(s) on 11 x 17 paper, draw and color illustration(s) to match sentence(s).

Figure 1

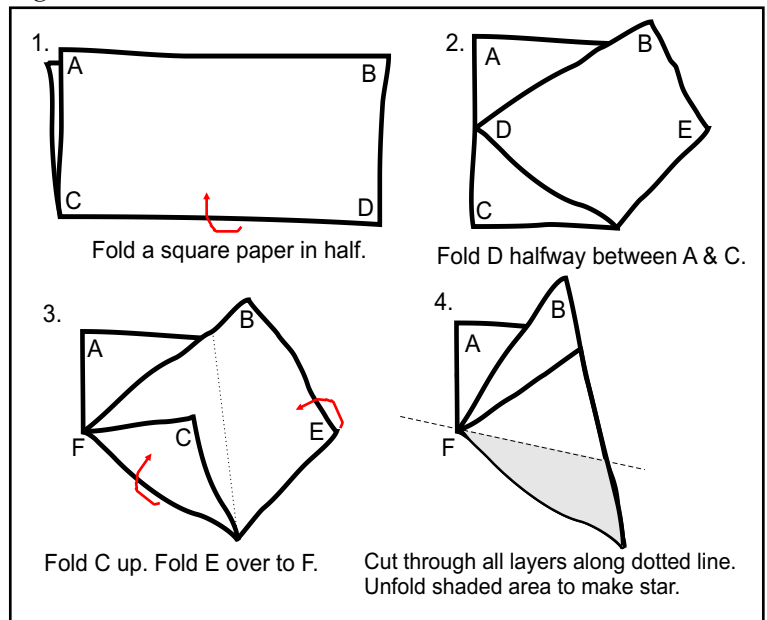


Figure 2

Over 200 years ago, our Country's Constitution was written.
The Constitution is the rules and laws that tell how our government is to run.
Delegates (people) from the states met in Independence Hall and wrote the Constitution. You can visit Independence Hall today.
There were about 30 or 40 men at the Convention. Men like Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and James Madison were there.
Sometimes the men disagreed on what should be in the Constitution. They talked to each other and explained their point of view.
During the meeting they kept everything they talked about secret. They even boarded up the windows so people couldn't peek on them.
The meeting lasted longer than a day, a week or even a month. It lasted 4 months! That is a long time.
After the Constitution was written most of the men signed it.
The Constitution is very important because it helps to keep our government organized and running.
The original Constitution is in a museum in Washington, D.C.