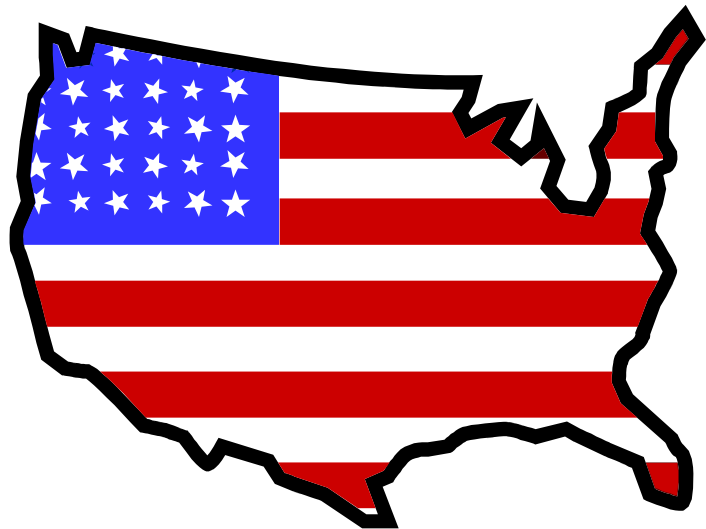




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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: USA PATCH PROGRAM



Please complete the following number of activities according to your grade-level:

Daisy – 3

Brownie – 4

Junior – 6

Cadette and up – 8

1. Locate the United States on a world map. Which continent is it located on? Where is its capital? What does the flag look like? What type of currency does it use? What are the denominations?
2. In 1787, thirteen colonies joined together to form our great nation. What colony became the first state? Last? Choose a state and learn more about it.
3. Who designed the United States flag? What is the meaning on the flag and the United States seal? Draw an old flag and learn what the symbols represent. Learn how to fold a flag properly and learn flag etiquette (when to fly a flag, how to display a flag, etc.).
4. The United States is considered a “melting pot” since many people from many diverse cultures co-exist here. Choose a food, holiday, festival, and activity derived from another nationality (examples: Asian or Mexican food, Manacala board game from Africa, bowling from Egypt, circus from London, tie-dying from India, Origami from Japan, wind chimes from the Far East, puzzles or greeting cards from England, mosaic, holidays like Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas).
5. The Native American Indians were America’s first settlers. Pick a region of the United States and learn about the Native Americans from that area. Research their different types of housing, what were names of the different tribes from that area? How did they travel? Why were they called Indians? What types of games or toys did they play with? Choose one of the following: create a skit, conduct a play, make a pictograph, play a game, or complete an art project.
6. The United States has many various terrains. Explore and learn about one of them. Milk a cow on a farm, hike in the mountains or forest, canoe or raft on its lakes or rivers, ice fish or ski in its artic weather, be sure to dress comfortably while you enjoy the sun on its deserts and beaches and keep a close watch while you are exploring its volcanoes or swamp. You may use the Internet or books to further your adventure. Remember to try something new.
7. The explorers and settlers learned how to do most things on their own by trial and error. Choose an explorer or settler to learn more about. Examples include: pilgrims, pioneers, colonists, Christopher Columbus, Lewis and Clark, etc. Draw a picture, create a play or engage in a hands-on activity depicting that era of time.
8. The first President of the United States was George Washington. When was he inaugurated and where? Where did he live? How long was he president? How many presidents have there been to this date? Who is the president today? Have a mock election or vote on an activity or event with your group. How does the voting process work?
9. Where was the first capital of the United States? Investigate an important historical city of the United States and learn why it is important to our country. Examples include: Philadelphia, New York, Plymouth, Washington, DC, etc.
10. The architecture of the United States is unique and exciting to explore. Research bridges, buildings, and architectures of your choice.

Questions? Comments?

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