

U.S. Flag Timeline

1. Check one or both:

- a. ☒ Addresses Common Core Standards
- b. ☒ Addresses State Standards



2. Identify the standards to be addressed

By the end of Kindergarten, students will:

H1.K.1 Demonstrate that a timeline represents a chronological sequence of events.

By the end of 1st grade, students will:

H1.1.1 Create a timeline to show events in a sequential manner.

By the end of 2nd grade, students will:

H1.2.1 Create a timeline for events in a community to show how the present is connected to the past.

H1.2.2 Create a chronological sequence of multiple events.

H1.2.3 Compare life in the past to life today for various members of your community.

3. Students will be able to show a graphic (drawing/ or computer template) timeline of our US

Flags Historical Timeline.

Kindergarten will show 1st flag, state flag and present flag timeline

1st Grade will show 1st flag, state flag, favorite flag and present US flag timeline

2nd Grade will show 1st flag, state flag, 2 favorite flags and present US flag timeline

4. Resources:

- <https://www.ushistory.org/betsy/index.html>
 - 1776 May — Betsy Ross reports that she sewed the first American flag
 - Find when your state was added as a state and draw the flag that represents your state's entrance into the United States of America.
- <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/browse?search=history%20of%20the%20flag>
 - Washington state entered statehood on: 1890 43 Star Flag
 - North Dakota (November 2, 1889),
 - South Dakota (November 2, 1889),
 - Montana (November 8, 1889),
 - Washington (November 11, 1889),



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- Idaho (July 3, 1890).
- Students in grades 1st and up will pick favorite flags to add to their timeline
 - All students will add the current US flag to their timeline:
 - 1960 50 Star Flag with 50 stars Hawaii (August 21, 1959)
- [History of the American Flag for Kids](#)
- https://kids.kiddle.co/Flag_of_the_United_States

5. Introduction of topic:

Show different timelines: calendars, weekly calendar, monthly calendar, could also show a picture timeline of students grown from birth to their current grade level, etc. Talk about timelines, how they start from left to right, and show growth. Check this site for ideas for timelines for younger children.

<https://theowlteacher.com/10-different-timelines/>

6. Procedure for instruction

- Timelines are a skill that crosses language arts, science, and social studies. It can be a graphic source of nonfiction texts that helps students understand the material better. When students are asked to create a timeline, it takes this learning into a creative way to share their knowledge.
- Timelines can be made in many different way, depending on the grade level teacher may want to give students a choice of how they share their knowledge of the US Flag timeline.
- Looking back to our first flag is a great way to celebrate American 250.

7. Lesson closure

- Students will design a flag timeline showing at least our first flag and our current flag.
- Older grade levels could also include their state flag, their favorite US flag, a complete timeline of our US flags changes (28 of them) over the years
- [https://kids.kiddle.co/Flag_of_the_United_States#Historical progression of designs](https://kids.kiddle.co/Flag_of_the_United_States#Historical_progression_of_designs) (see the table toward the bottom of the site)



Sample first grade flag timeline

Sample First Grade flag finished project

First Flag 1776 13 stars	
My state added to flag Washington state flag 1923, achieved statehood in 1889	
Current flag 1960, 50 stars	

Our U.S. Flag Timeline

1776
FLAG

State
FLAG

Current
FLAG

Name: _____

Kindergarten timeline

Flag of Washington facts for kids



The flag of Washington consists of the [state seal](#), displaying an image of its namesake [George Washington](#), on a field of dark green with gold fringe being optional. It is the only U.S. state flag with a field of green as well as the only state flag with the image of an [American president](#). The Secretary of State regulates flag protocol related to the state flag, as well approving replica flags for commercial sale and other standards related to the flag.

The flag was officially adopted on March 5, 1923, and has been a symbol of [Washington](#) ever since. Washington had achieved statehood in 1889, but did not have an official flag at the time. The Washington chapter of the [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) designed the flag in 1915 and campaigned for its adoption by the Washington State Legislature in the early 1920s. The state flag has undergone minor revisions since its adoption, including the use of standardized colors in 1955 and a modernized seal in 1967.

The Road Map Timeline. In this fun example, students take a poster board or a piece of butcher paper and draw a road. Then, they create street signs to represent the dates and use cars to represent the event. In the example below, we made the cars so they lift up, and under them is where we described the event in detail.



8. Assessment of student understanding

- Kindergarten - able to color, paste or draw 2 flags including first flag and current flag in a timeline of their choice and showcase in classroom display
- First Grade - able to color, paste or draw 3 flags including first flag, state flag and current flag in a timeline of their choice and showcase in classroom display
- Second Grade - able to color, paste or draw 4 flags including first flag, state flag, favorite flag and current flag in a timeline of their choice and showcase in classroom display