



The Booklist Project

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Focus: The American Flag
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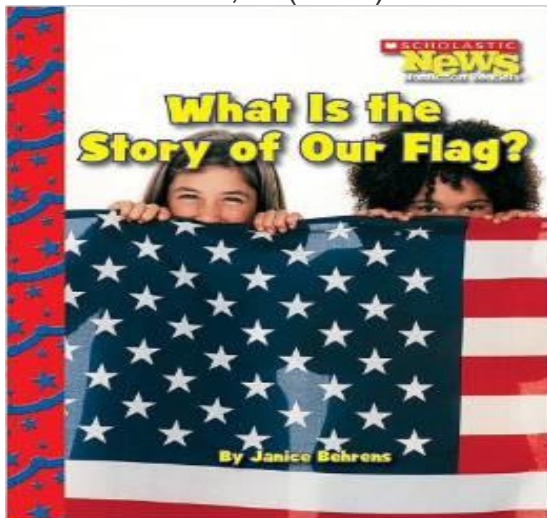
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Topic: The American Flag

Grade levels Pre-K - 2

1. Behrens, J. (2009). *What is the story of our flag?* New York: Children's Press.



ISBN-10: 0531224309

ISBN-13: 978-0531224304

This book gives an introduction to the history of the American Flag. This book is great for ELLs because of the colorful photographs that illustrate the story. They also show many different scenes from America and are also culturally diverse. The book includes a picture glossary of key vocabulary terms.

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: 3.3

Lexile® Measure: 570L

DRA: 18

Guided Reading: K

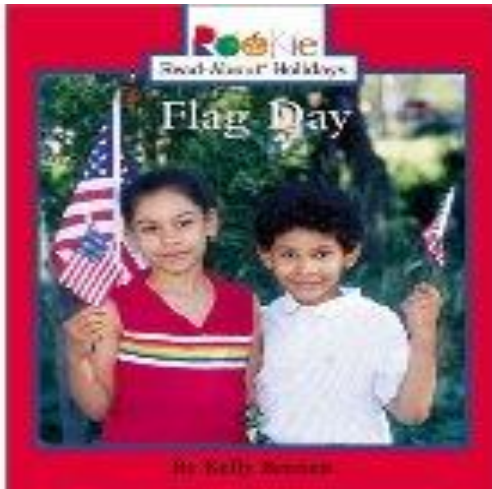
WIDA level: Developing

This book is available in print only.

Topic-Related Teacher Resources:

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/tahg/hm/kindergarten/Lessons/The%20Story%20of%20the%20American%20Flag%20-%20Menard,%20Morrell,%20Robertson,%20Varnadore/The%20Story%20of%20the%20American%20Flag%20Lesson%20-%20Menard,%20Morrell,%20Robertson,%20Varnadore.pdf>
<https://ashleevanb.wordpress.com/unit-on-philadelphia-landmarks/>

2. Bennett, K. (2003). *Flag Day*. New York: Children's Press.



ISBN-10: 0516277553

ISBN-13: 978-0516277554

This book gives readers a simple introduction to the holiday Flag Day. The book is good for ELLs because it includes a well explained-history of the American Flag and rules of etiquette for handling the flag as well as a picture glossary of vocabulary words. The book includes colorful photographs and is culturally diverse.

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: 2.2

Lexile® Measure: 440L

DRA: 14

Guided Reading: H

WIDA level: Developing

This book is available in print only.

Topic-Related Teacher Resources:

<http://lessonplanspage.com/flagday-htm/>

http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/search/?q=flag+day&selected_facets=grades_exact%3A1&selected_facets

<https://www.teachervision.com/flag-day/teacher-resources/6620.html>

3. Cohen, J. (2004). *The American flag*. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications.



ISBN-10: 0822537532

ISBN-13: 978-0822537533

This book explains well what different American flags have meant and what the flag means today. This book is available in a Spanish version, and includes an index and additional websites about the flag. This book would work well with ELLs because it has bulleted lists of facts that are concise, and bold-type words with definitions that are easy to understand.

This book is a *Scholastic Reading Counts book*. SRC is a technology based program that gives students independent reading accountability. The quizzes are flexible and focus on specific reading skills.

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: 2.1

Lexile® Measure: 430L

DRA: 38

Guided Reading: P

WIDA level: High Developing/ Expanding level (for facts at the end of the book)

This book is available in print only.

This book is a Scholastic Reading Counts book (see above)

Book-Related Teacher Resources:

<https://www.lernerbooks.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/TeachingGuides/9780822518228.pdf>

Topic-Related Teacher Resources:

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/critical_thinking/pdf/elementary_activity.pdf

http://www.everythingsl.net/lessons/teach_america.php

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/critical_thinking/pdf/elementary_activity.pdf

4. Douglas, L. (2003). *The American flag*. New York: Children's Press.



ISBN-10: 0516278738
ISBN-13: 978-0516278735

This book is a part of a series about American symbols. It introduces the flag as a symbol and why it represents America. This book would work well with ELLs because it is very concise and to the point. It has a table of contents and glossary of terms to give it a feel of a more advanced book. This book is a *Scholastic Reading Counts book*. SRC is a technology based program that gives students independent reading accountability. The quizzes are flexible and focus on specific reading skills.

Grade level Equivalent: **1.6**
Lexile® Measure: **520L**
DRA: **14**
Guided Reading: **H**
WIDA level: Developing

This book is available in print only.
This book is a Scholastic Reading Counts book (see above).

Book-Related Teacher Resources:

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/tahg/hm/kindergarten/Lessons/The%20Story%20of%20the%20American%20Flag%20-%20Menard,%20Morrell,%20Robertson,%20Varnadore/The%20Story%20of%20the%20American%20Flag%20Lesson%20-%20Menard,%20Morrell,%20Robertson,%20Varnadore.pdf>

Topic- Related Teacher Resources:

<http://lm520.weebly.com/lesson-plans.html>
<http://www.readtennessee.org/sites/www/Uploads/Grade%20K%20Unit%204America%20PDF.pdf>

5. Douglas, L. (2003). *The Pledge of Allegiance*. New York: Children's Press.



ISBN-10: 0516244868
ISBN-13: 978-0516244860

This book is a part of a series about American symbols. It includes the words to the Pledge of Allegiance and an explanation of what they mean. This book would work well with ELLs because it is very concise and to the point. It has a table of contents and glossary of terms to give it a feel of a more advanced book.

This book is a *Scholastic Reading Counts book*. SRC is a technology based program that gives students independent reading accountability. The quizzes are flexible and focus on specific reading skills.

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: 1.5

Lexile® Measure: 600L

DRA: 14

Guided Reading: H

WIDA level: Expanding/ High Developing

This book is available in print only.

This book is a Scholastic Reading Counts book (see above)

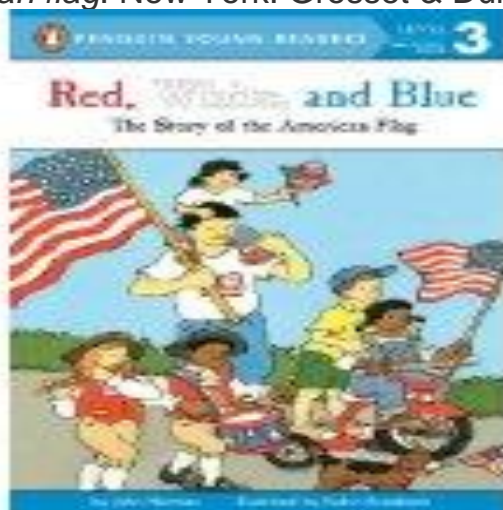
Book-Related Teacher Resources:

http://www.chiesman.org/pdfs/K-2_American_Symbols_and_Landmarks.pdf

Topic-Related Teacher Resources:

<https://sites.google.com/site/socialstudieseledresources/lesson-plans>

6. Herman, J., & Roraback, R. (1998). *Red, white, and blue: The story of the American flag*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap.



This book contains many interesting facts about the history of the American flag. It explains about different nicknames for the flag and even about the flag on the moon. This book will work well with ELLs because the book is easy to understand and the illustrations are culturally diverse, even in the pictures from early American history. This book is a *Scholastic Reading Counts book*. SRC is a technology based program that gives students independent reading accountability. The quizzes are flexible and focus on specific reading skills.

ISBN-10: 0448412705

ISBN-13: 978-0448412702

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: 2.6

Lexile® Measure: 390L

DRA: 18
Guided Reading: K
WIDA level: High Developing

This book is available in print only.
This book is a Scholastic Reading Counts book (see above)

Book- Related Teacher Resources:

<http://www.quia.com/pages/lp27.html>

http://www.coreknowledge.org/mimik/mimik_uploads/lesson_plans/1198/2_SymbolsFigures.pdf

7. Key, F., & Longacre, S. (2002). *The Star - spangled Banner*. New York: Scholastic.



This book contains the words from the first verse of the national anthem. It is good for ELLs because if they have learned the song, they can match words in print. The colorful photographs help explain the words of the song, and demonstrate different occasions for using the flag.

ISBN-10: 0439407672

ISBN-13: 978-0439407670

Interest Level

Grades Pre-K - 3

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: **Not Available**

Lexile® Measure: **Not Available**

DRA: **Not Available**

Guided Reading: Reading levels are listed varying from grades 6-11, but if the song is memorized it should be fairly easy for students to read.

WIDA level: Expanding (please see notes above on Guided Reading)

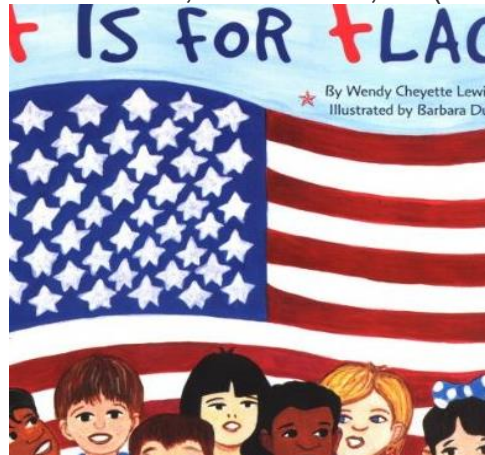
This book is available in print only.

Topic-Related Teacher Resources:

<http://americanhistory.mrdonn.org/starspangledbanner.html>

<https://www.teachervision.com/united-states/printable/29369.html>

8. Lewison, W. & Duke, B. (2002) *F is for flag*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap.



ISBN-10: 0448428385

ISBN-13: 978-0448428383

This book is good for ELLs because not only are the illustrations very culturally diverse, but the words explain simply the many different occasions the flag is used. It is also a book that is unifying in nature. It portrays the flag as something for all who live here, no matter who we are. This book is a *Scholastic Reading Counts book*. SRC is a technology based program that gives students independent reading accountability. The quizzes are flexible and focus on specific reading skills.

Interest Level

Grades Pre-K - 3

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: 2.7

Lexile® Measure: **Not Available**

DRA: **Not Available**

Guided Reading: **Not Available**

WIDA level: High Emerging/Developing

This book is available in print only.

This book is a Scholastic Reading Counts book (see above)

Book-Related Teacher Resources:

<http://character.org/lessons/lesson-plans/elementary/kellison-elementary-school/>

Topic-Related Teacher Resources:

<http://www.first-school.ws/activities/alpha/f/flag.htm>

9. Ryan, P., & Masiello, R. (1996). *The flag we love*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Pub.



ISBN-10: 0881068446

ISBN-13: 978-0439399753

This book is great for more advanced ELLs. This illustrated book gives history about the American flag and is written with rhyming verse to appeal to children. It includes many facts about the flag. This book is a *Scholastic Reading Counts book*. SRC is a technology based program that gives students independent reading accountability. The quizzes are flexible and focus on specific reading skills.

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: **4.3**

Lexile® Measure: **Not Available**

DRA: **40**

Guided Reading: **Q**

WIDA level: Bridging

This book is available in print only.

This book is a Scholastic Reading Counts book (see above)

[Book-Related Teacher resources:](#)

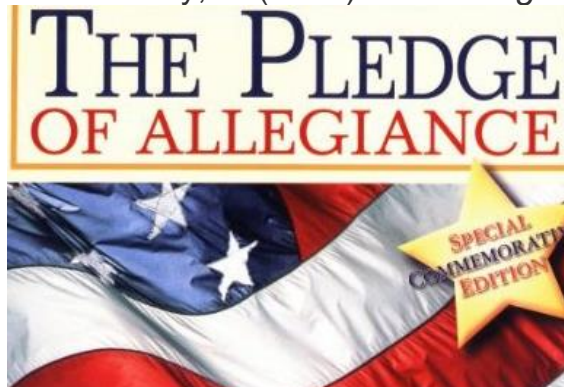
<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/flag-we-love-extension-activity>

Topic Related Teacher Resources:

<http://abcsanduniversities.blogspot.com/2011/12/american-flag-lesson-plan.html>

<http://www.schooltube.com/video/a81326331c91711cb031/>

10. Bellamy, F. (2001). *The Pledge of Allegiance*. New York: Scholastic.



ISBN-10: 0439399629

ISBN-13: 978-0439399623

This book contains the words to the Pledge of Allegiance and end notes. It is very good for ELLs because if they know the words to the Pledge, they can match the words in print. The photographs are very engaging and colorful and help illustrate the words. The photos include different scenes from America. This book is also available in Spanish.

Reading Level

Grade level Equivalent: **3.0**

Lexile® Measure: **Not Available**

DRA: **Not Available**

Guided Reading: Not Available

WIDA level: Expanding

This book is available in print only.

Book-Related Teacher Resources:

http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/the_pledge_of_allegiance.html

www.uni.edu/icss/pathways/Lesson%20Module--Pledge%20of%20Allegiance.pdf

http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/asset/file/allegiance_vocab.pdf

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