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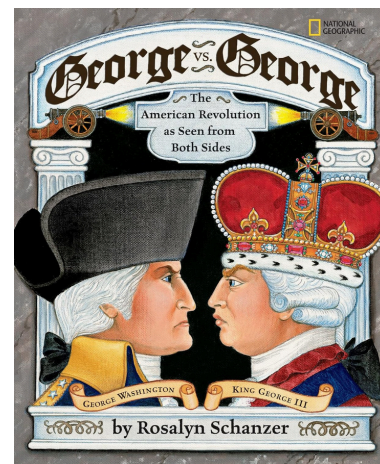
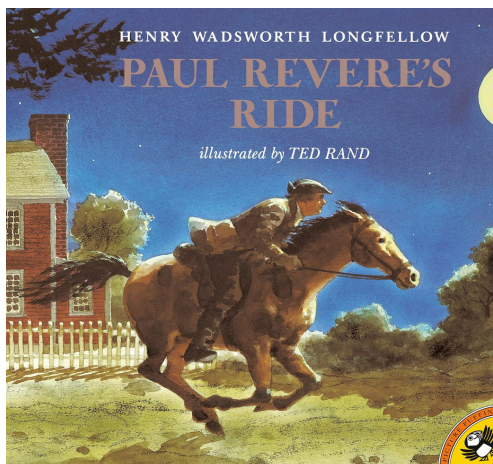
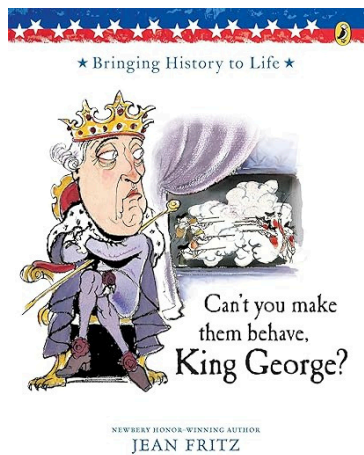
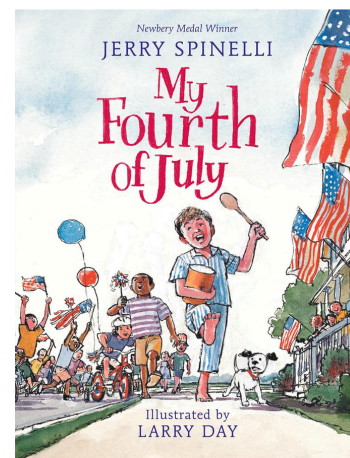
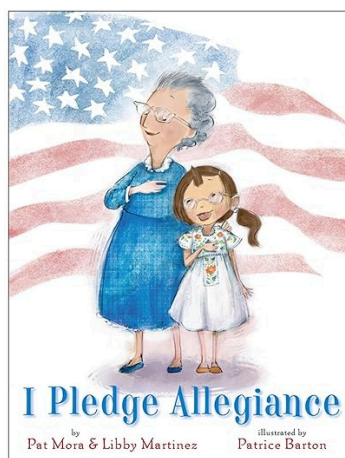
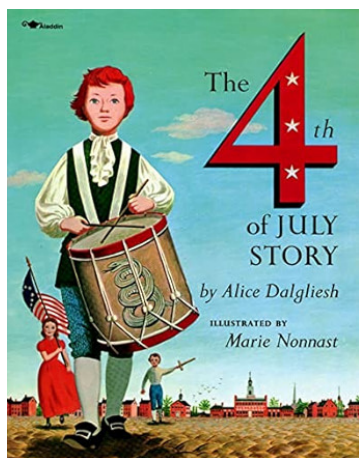
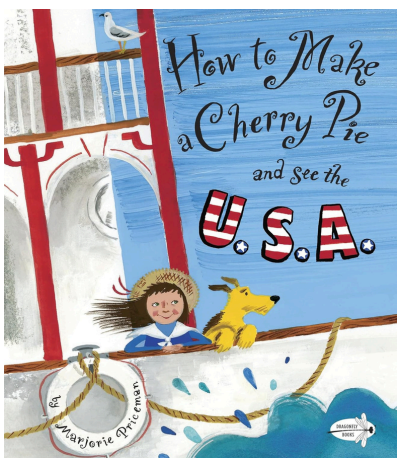
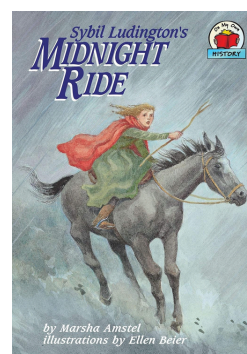
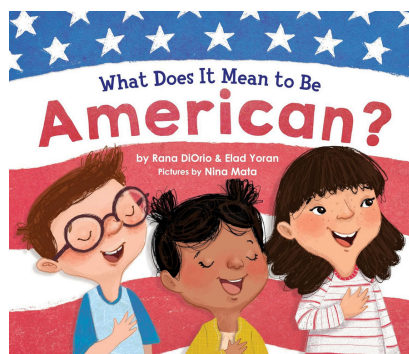
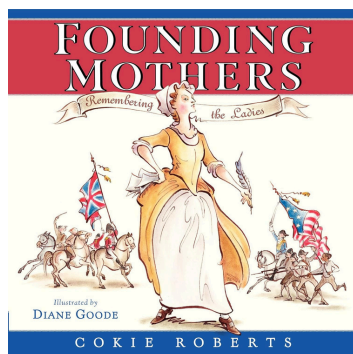
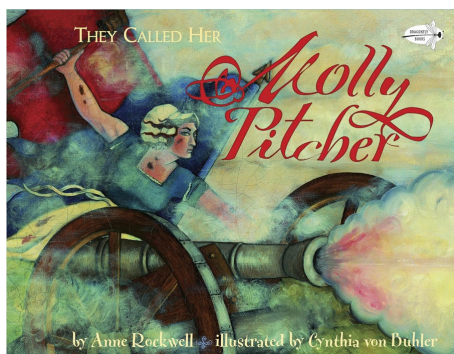
Activities
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Picture Book Recommendations





4th of July Scavenger Hunt

eagle



cowboy hat



watermelon



stars



flags



sunglasses



the number
four



balloons



families



patriotic pet



sweet treats



hot dog



Statue of
Liberty



fireworks





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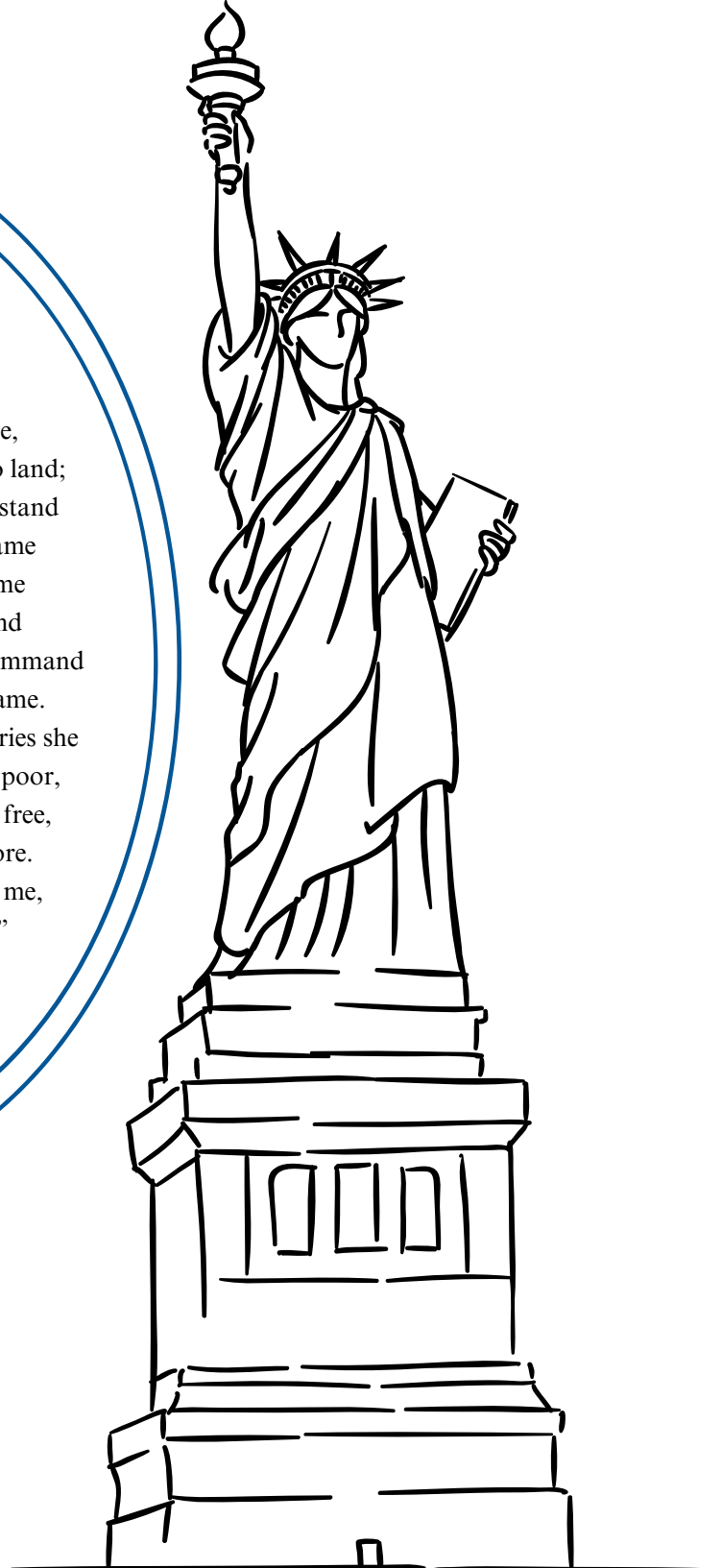
American Symbols Coloring Page: The Statue of Liberty

“The New Colossus”

by Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

November 2, 1883





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American Symbols: The Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is a famous symbol of freedom and hope located on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. It was a gift from France to the United States in 1886 to celebrate the friendship between the two countries and their shared belief in liberty.

The statue depicts a woman holding a torch high in her right hand and a tablet in her left. The torch is meant to shine a light on the path to freedom and to represent enlightenment. The tablet contains the date that America celebrates its independence—July 4, 1776. “Lady Liberty” wears a crown with seven points, symbolizing the seven continents, the seven seas, and emphasizing the message of welcome and inclusiveness for all.

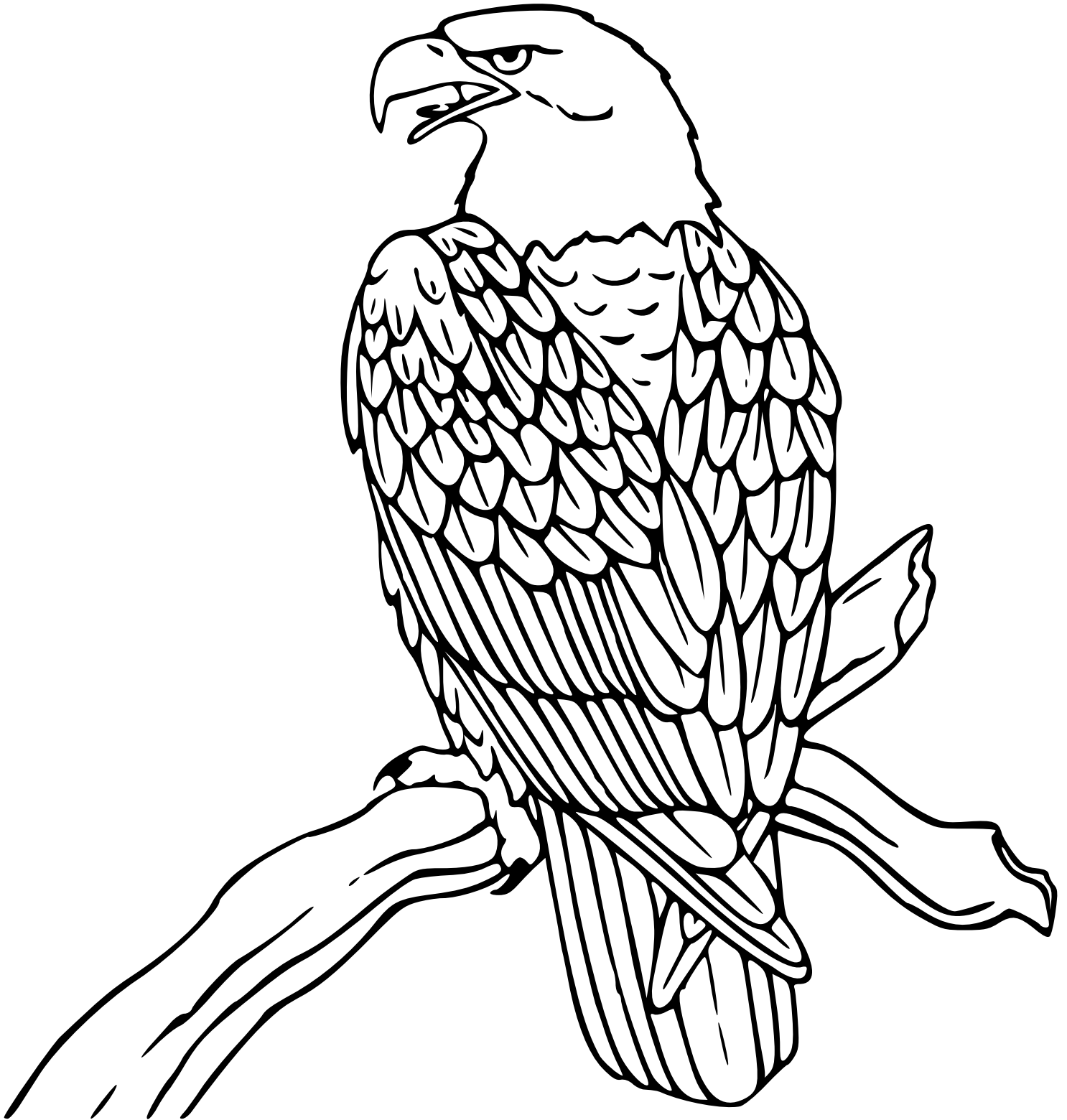
At the base of the statue, a bronze plaque displays a poem by Emma Lazarus called “The New Colossus.” The poem welcomes immigrants from around the world and includes the famous lines, “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...” These words helped make the Statue of Liberty a powerful symbol of welcome and hope for people coming to America to start a new life. Today, the Statue of Liberty remains one of the most important landmarks in the country.





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The bald eagle became a symbol of the United States in 1782, when it was chosen to appear on the Great Seal of the United States. The Founding Fathers wanted a strong, majestic animal to represent the new country, and the bald eagle was a perfect choice. It is native only to North America, making it a unique and powerful symbol of freedom and independence. The eagle's image—with its wings spread wide, holding arrows in one talon and an olive branch in the other—represents both strength in war and a desire for peace.

Before the bald eagle was chosen, some people, including Benjamin Franklin, thought the wild turkey would be a better symbol, because it was more peaceful and lived only in America. However, the bald eagle won out because of its bold appearance and soaring flight, which made it seem noble and free. Over time, the bald eagle came to stand for the spirit and strength of the United States, and today it appears on money, government buildings, and official documents as a proud emblem of the nation.





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Uncle Sam is a character who represents the United States in the form of a person. The name "Uncle Sam" first became popular during the War of 1812. It came from a real man named Samuel Wilson, who supplied meat to the U.S. Army. He stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers joked that it stood for "Uncle Sam." The nickname caught on and soon Uncle Sam became a way of talking about the U.S. government.

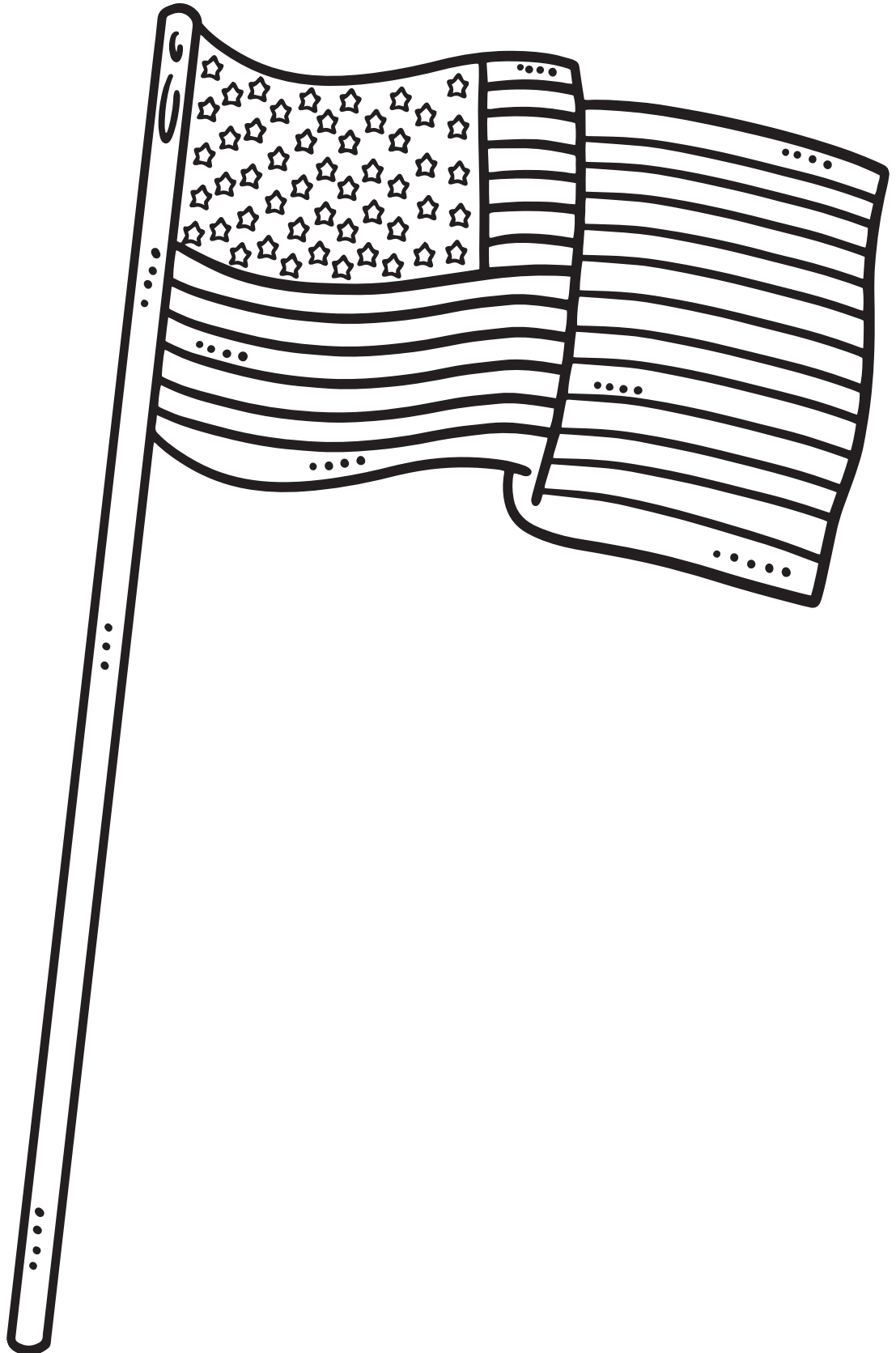
Over time, artists began to draw Uncle Sam as a tall, older man with white hair and a beard, wearing a top hat, a blue jacket, and red-and-white striped pants. He became especially famous during World War I and World War II, when posters showed him pointing directly at the viewer with the words, "I Want YOU for U.S. Army." These posters were used to encourage men to join the military. Uncle Sam has become one of the most powerful and lasting symbols of the country, representing patriotism, duty, and the American spirit.





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American Symbols Coloring Page: The American Flag





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The American flag, also known as the Stars and Stripes, has a long and important history. The first official version was adopted on June 14, 1777, during the American Revolution. It had 13 stripes and 13 stars, representing the original 13 colonies that became the first states. The stars were placed on a blue field, and the stripes were red and white.

One popular story says that a woman named Betsy Ross sewed the very first American flag. According to legend, she made the flag in 1776 after a visit from George Washington and other leaders who asked her to help. Some historians aren't sure if the story is completely true, but Betsy Ross is still remembered as an important part of flag history.

As the United States grew and added more states, more stars were added to the flag. Today, the flag has 50 stars for the 50 states, but it still has 13 stripes to remember the original colonies. The flag has become a powerful symbol of American freedom, unity, and pride. People fly it on holidays, at schools, and in front of buildings to show respect for the country and its history.



