

# Symbolism

## Freedom! Reflect and Celebrate



**CONNECT** your understanding of symbols and how they represent and reflect historical events. Examine the symbols on flags. The Juneteenth flag, for example, is a symbolic representation of the end of slavery. What do other symbols on countries' and organizations' flags represent? How have symbols evolved over time?



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**CREATE** a flag with symbols that can retell a historical story or represent a significant event. Consider how artists communicate ideas through the use of lines, colors, shapes, and visual composition. Combine art and writing. Write a poem or narrative to accompany the new flag and explain the meaning or context of your art.



**PRESENT** your flag. Ask others what they think each object in your drawing represents and the main messages your flag communicates. Read your poem or narrative and explain the symbolic references used.



**RESPOND** to the questions and comments from your audience. Share how researching symbols of the past and present influenced your art, both the visual and written work.

