

# Fabulous Fancy Flags

Flags tell stories! Indiana adopted its state flag in 1917. The flag shows a field of blue with a gold torch and six rays around it which stands for liberty and enlightenment. An outer circle of thirteen stars stands for the thirteen original colonies of the United States. An inner circle of five stars stands for the next five states admitted to the Union. The large star at the top of the torch represents Indiana, the 19th state.

**Approximate Time:** 30 - 45 minutes

**Materials:**

- Paper/Pencil
- Coloring Supplies
- Other craft materials (optional)
- Camera (optional)

Marshall County has a flag too. It uses the same colors as the Indiana flag. It shows a few things that are important to Marshall County. There are pictures of the Chief Menominee statue and the courthouse clock tower. The date the county was formed and the names of all the townships go around the shape of the county. What do you think the squiggly yellow line and the two circles in the blue square stand for? If you said the Yellow River and our two biggest lakes - Maxinkuckee and Lake of the Woods, you would be correct!

All of the symbols on the flag mark important events in the history of Marshall County. You have had important things happen in your life too. If you had a flag, what would it look like? What things and events would you put on your flag?

**DO:**

- Talk to your family about places you have been and things you have seen or things you own.
- Write down some of the things you could put on your flag.
- Draw a plan for your new flag on the following page. Choose a regular style flag or a pennant style (that's a triangle).
- Make your flag out of construction paper or fabric scraps.

**SHARE:**

- Hang your flag in a window or on your wall for everybody to see!
- Post pictures of your new flag on social media with the hashtag **#MCMuseumFromHome**





Choose a flag style to plan your own flag. Then use construction paper or fabric to make your flag.

