

# Introduction

Throughout history, people have used colors to symbolize ideas and concepts. What colors mean is often tied to the history and culture of a people group or nation. When nations design their flags, a great deal of thought and work goes into each element. The flag is a symbol of the entire nation. Sometimes countries use it to reflect something about the nation's past. Other times, they use it to show where they want the nation to be in the future. Often, they use it to draw attention to the ideals that are the most important to them as a nation.

In this book, you will find flags of 60 nations of the world, with each flag followed by three questions:

- Where is the country located?
- What is the capital?
- What do the colors and images on the flag symbolize?

For the first question, write whatever you can find about where the country is located such as what continent it is on, what it is bordered by, etc. For the second question, write the name of the capital city. For the third question, do some research and find out what the colors and images on the flag symbolize. Some encyclopedias will have this information. Another excellent resource that has this information is *The World Factbook*, a free online resource available at [cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/](http://cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/). You can choose any country in the world to view and then learn about the country, its flag, its people, and much more. This is the resource the answers for the United States of America, the example on the next page, is drawn from. When you are finished, color the image of the flag. There is a key in the back.

You will also find a blank page at the end of the unit. You can use this page to draw and learn about the flags of additional countries if you wish.

When you have completed this unit, you will have learned much about the history and people of these 60 countries. Enjoy!

# Example

## United States of America

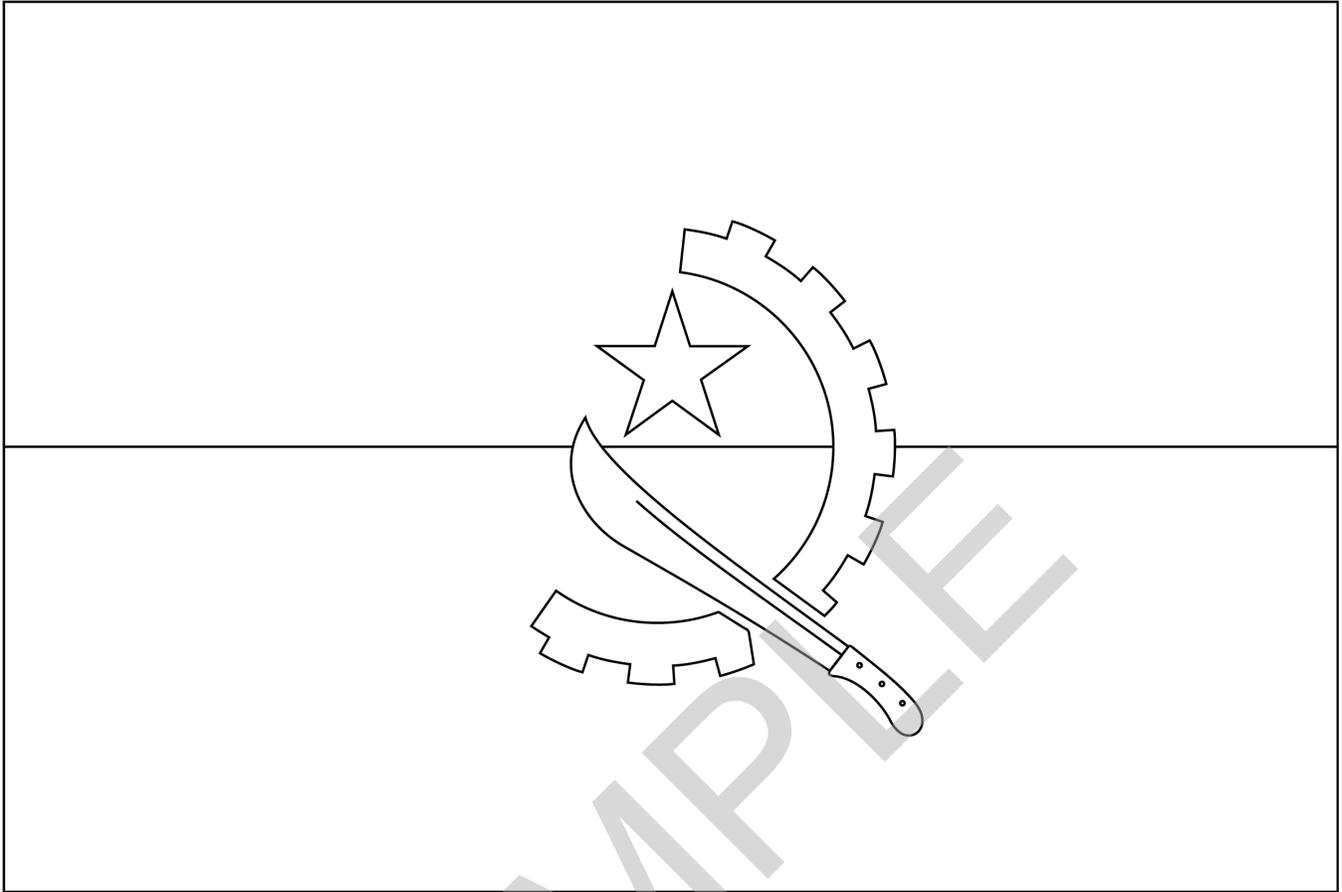


Where is this country located? *The United States is located in North America. It is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, the west by the Pacific Ocean, the north by Canada, and the south by Mexico.*

What is the capital? *The capital of the United States is Washington, D.C.*

What do the colors and images on the flag symbolize? *The 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies. The 50 stars represent the 50 states. The color blue stands for loyalty, devotion, truth, justice, and friendship. The color red stands for courage, passion, and enthusiasm. The color white stands for purity and integrity of conduct.*

# Angola



Where is this country located? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the capital? \_\_\_\_\_

What do the colors and images on the flag symbolize? \_\_\_\_\_

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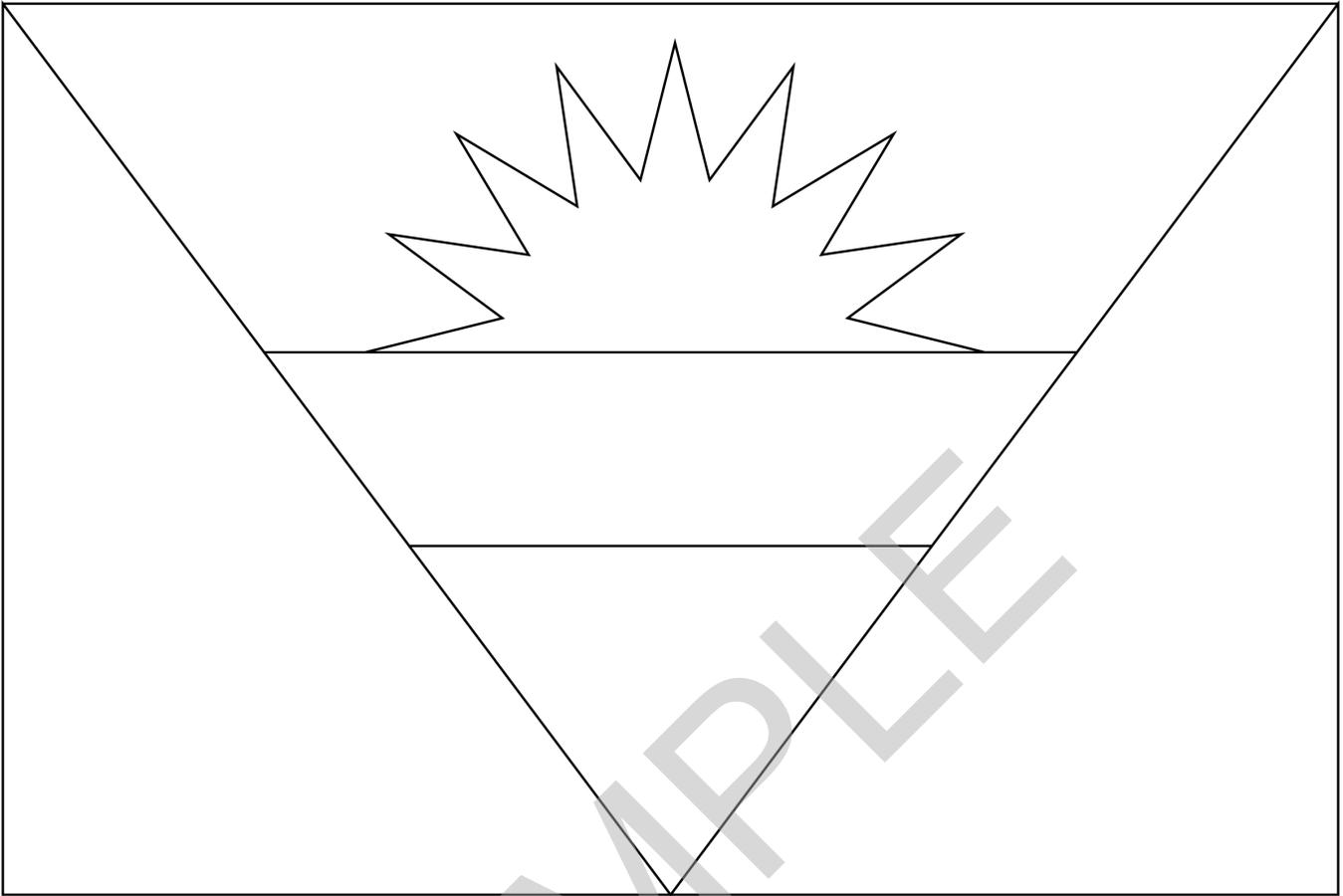
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# Antigua and Barbuda



Where is this country located? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the capital? \_\_\_\_\_

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