



# Flag Etiquette

## Indiana 4-H Civic Engagement Activity

### The Indiana State Flag

**Audience:** Grades 3-12 **Duration:** 10 minutes

**Overview:** Basic information regarding the state flag of Indiana.

**Objectives:** Participants in this session will:

- Describe the history behind the development and meaning of the state flag of Indiana.

#### Materials

- State of Indiana flag

#### Instructions

- Review the historical aspects related to the development and meaning of the state flag of Indiana as found at: [http://www.netstate.com/states/symb/flags/in\\_flag.htm](http://www.netstate.com/states/symb/flags/in_flag.htm).
- Ask the following questions to check the students' understanding:
  1. What are the two colors on the state flag of Indiana? (Blue and gold)
  2. Which artist won the design competition in 1916? (Paul Hadley)
  3. What do the 18 smaller stars represent? (The original 13 states, plus the other 5 states admitted prior to Indiana)
  4. What does the larger star represent? (Indiana, as the 19<sup>th</sup> state)
  5. What does the torch represent? (The torch represents "...liberty and enlightenment." The six rays radiating from the torch are meant to symbolize the expansive nature of those two concepts.



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