



ACTIVITY / TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Create the Nation Worksheet

Students will work in small groups to create their own nations.

1. Divide your class into small groups of 3-5 students each.
2. Give the groups 5-10 minutes to work through the attached sheet. Each group will create a name, flag, founding principles, and constitution for their new nation, voting on each decision before putting their decision on paper.
3. After their time designing their new nation has concluded, have a representative from each group share their country's identity with the entire classroom.
4. Engage the students in discussion about the ideas and principles that they felt were important to include and how they made decisions as a group.
5. Draw connections between their experience and how the founders drew upon certain fundamental principles as they gave shape to the American government.
6. Discuss:
 - a. What principles did multiple groups have in common?
 - b. Why is it important to have all members of your group agree on a principle before you adopt it?
 - c. If your government decides they don't like a law that you've put in the Constitution, what would your nation do to change it?

Create your own nation!

With your group, use the boxes below to help your new nation take shape.

NOTE: There has to be a majority vote on each item below before you can move forward with your plans.

<p>Nation's name</p>	<p>Founding principles/ideas</p>
<p>Nation's flag</p>	<p>Constitution (what five rules are most important in your new nation?)</p>