WHAT IS A FLAG?

A flag is usually a rectangle with a special design and colors. Flags can be a symbol, tell a story, and be used to celebrate special occasions.

Your job—Design a flag for you and your family to use to celebrate Juneteenth!

TWO FLAGS HAVE SPECIAL MEANING FOR JUNETEENTH

**The Juneteenth Flag © National Juneteenth Observance Foundation**

People designed this flag to tell the story of Juneteenth

The colors: The colors of the American flag – red white and blue
This is to say that the people freed in Texas were American citizens
The 5-point star is a symbol for Texas (the Lone Star State)
Texas is where the Juneteenth holiday started
They added the big star to tell about the spread of freedom

**The African Liberation Flag (created 1920)**

People designed this flag to tell the story of the unity among people from Africa.

The colors:
Red to stand for struggle and sacrifice
Black to stand for black people
Green to stand for the natural wealth of the land of Africa
WHAT IS THE STORY OF YOUR FLAG?

Materials needed

- A rectangle of stiff paper (a cereal box works well)
- Magazine pages or colored paper cut into shapes
- Glue Stick
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Draw the outline of your design on the stiff paper

2. Decide what colors you want to use

3. Cut pieces of paper to use for the collage
   
   *Magazines are fun because they supply a lot of texture—
   *but any colored paper will work. Any shapes will work.*

4. Glue the pieces on your rectangle

@NMAAHC  #APEOPLESJOURNEY