

National Christmas Tree Patch Program

Learn about the National Tree, Christmas in other countries and the White House.

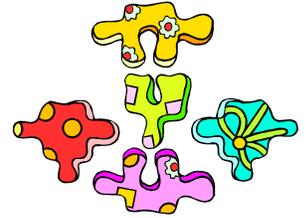


1. Since 1923 the lighting of the National Christmas tree has been lit. Find out who lit the first tree and how tall the tree was.
2. In 1954, the tree lighting ceremony expanded for three weeks and smaller trees were placed around the large tree to represent the states. It was called the "Pageant of Peace" and nightly entertainment presented. Find out more about the entertainment shown today, participate in a program, or watch it on TV.
3. The National Christmas tree is lit every year around the beginning of December. Find out where the tree is located and who lights the tree annually.
4. Every year one of the kind ornaments are created by artists that symbolize the history, heritage and culture of their state. The ornaments are displayed on the smaller trees located around the National Christmas tree. Create your own design for an ornament representing your culture or where you live or view the ornaments on display.
5. Watch the lighting or performers online, on TV, OR in person.
6. Learn more about the White House that is located in the background of the tree display. Play a game, take a tour, or view pictures online.
7. Over 100 countries celebrate Christmas. Learn about one other country and how they celebrate Christmas. Do they have a tree, if so what do they use for decorations.
8. Reach out to our soldiers during the holiday season and send them a card to celebrate. Templates for cards are included in this kit.
9. Making cookies and treats is popular during the month of December. Create a treat, have a cookie exchange OR make cookies for the needy.
10. Learn about another culture's holiday that is similar to Christmas. Some examples include: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's. More information can be found in our "Happy Holidays" patch program.
11. Singers attend the "Pageant of Peace" annually around the National Christmas Tree. Participate in caroling, watch the Pageant of Peace, or participate in a singing program at the event.
12. Create a craft, play a game, or have a party during the holiday season.

Christmas Crafts From Around the World

Puzzle Cards Christmas Cards were first used in England.

Christmas or winter photos from magazines or calendars
Old christmas cards
cardstock
glue
ziploc bags



After the picture is chosen glue it to a piece of card stock. Trim around the edges of the picture, so cardstock is not visible. Cut the picture up into several different pieces. Place in ziploc bag, shake and dump out. Try to put the puzzle together. After you have put it together place it back in the bag for storage.

The Netherlands Children set their wooden shoes by the fireplace, window, or kitchen stove and fill them with hay or carrots for Sinter Klaas' horse and in exchange for the presents they will get.

Wooden Shoes

Markers
Wooden shoe pattern [located in back of this kit]

Decorate with flowers and festive designs.

Switzerland Bells are important in Switzerland's celebrations.

Paper Bells

Paper bell pattern [located in kit]
Yarn
scissors
Optional: Stickers and markers

Decorate the bell with glitter, stickers, markers, etc.

Cut a piece of yarn about 6 inches long. Place a small hole at the top of the bell. Put the yarn through the hole and secure it with a knot.

Hang it on the tree or display it in the window.

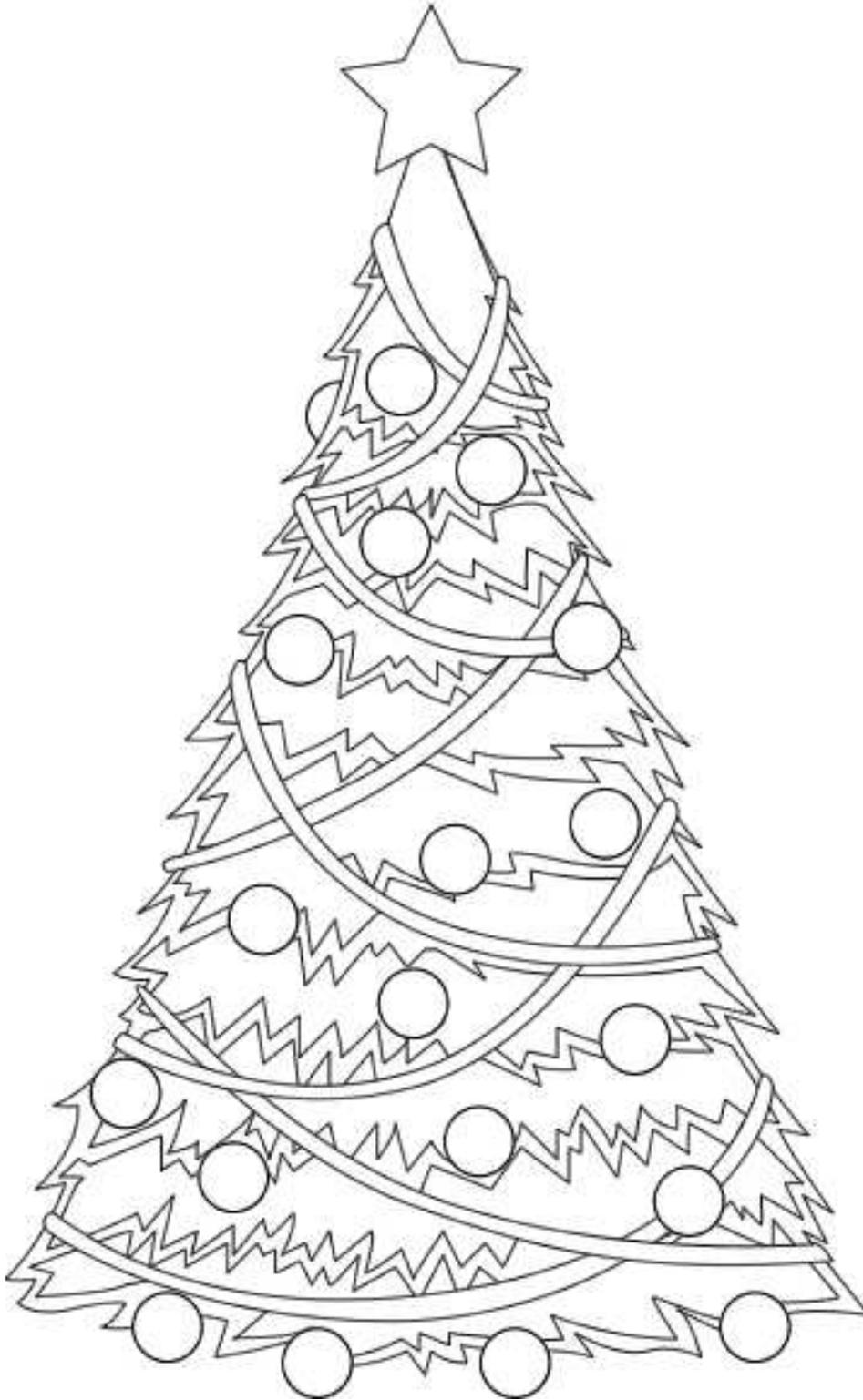
Denmark

Paper Hearts

Paper heart [located in kit]
Vibrant colored construction paper

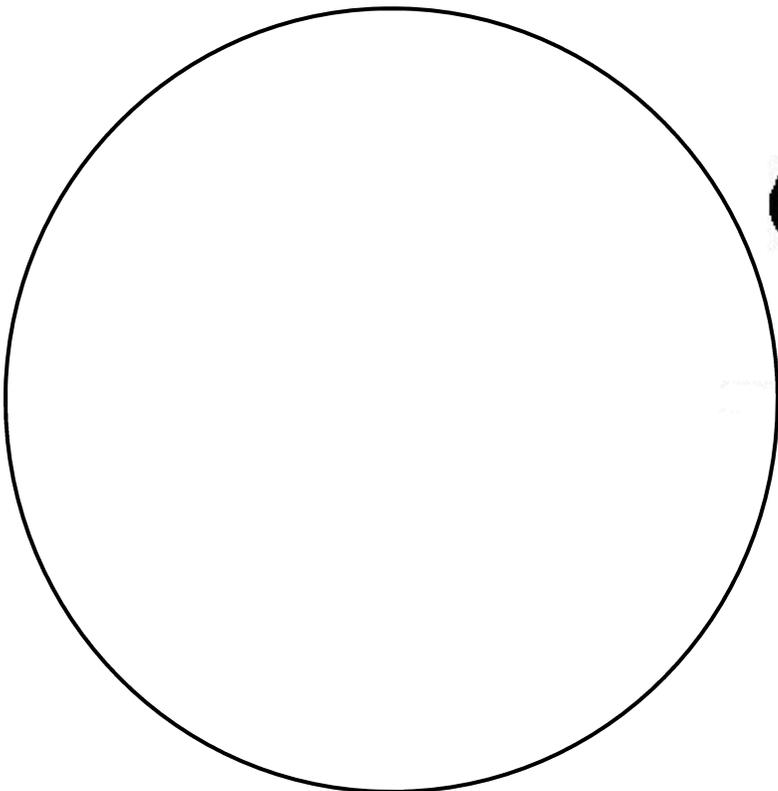
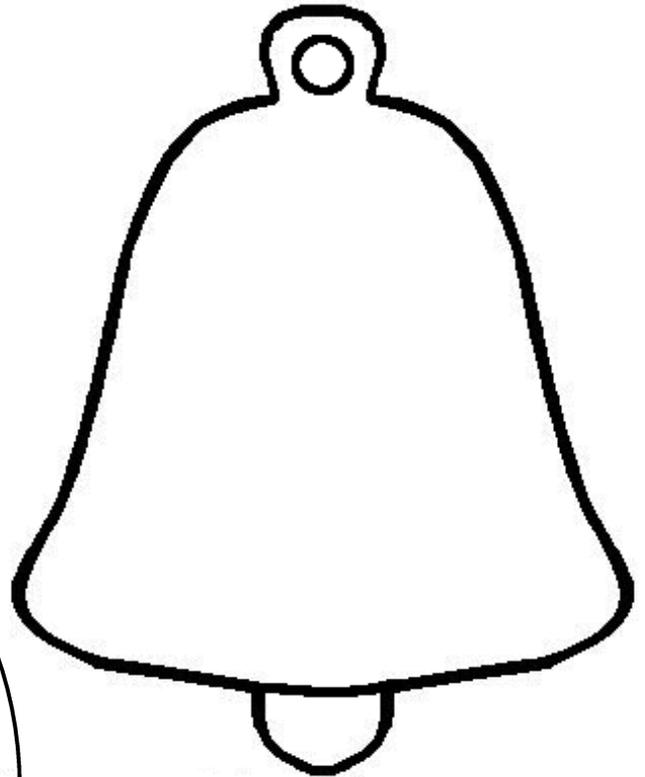
Decorate the heart with designs that represent the Christmas season.

Decorate the National Tree

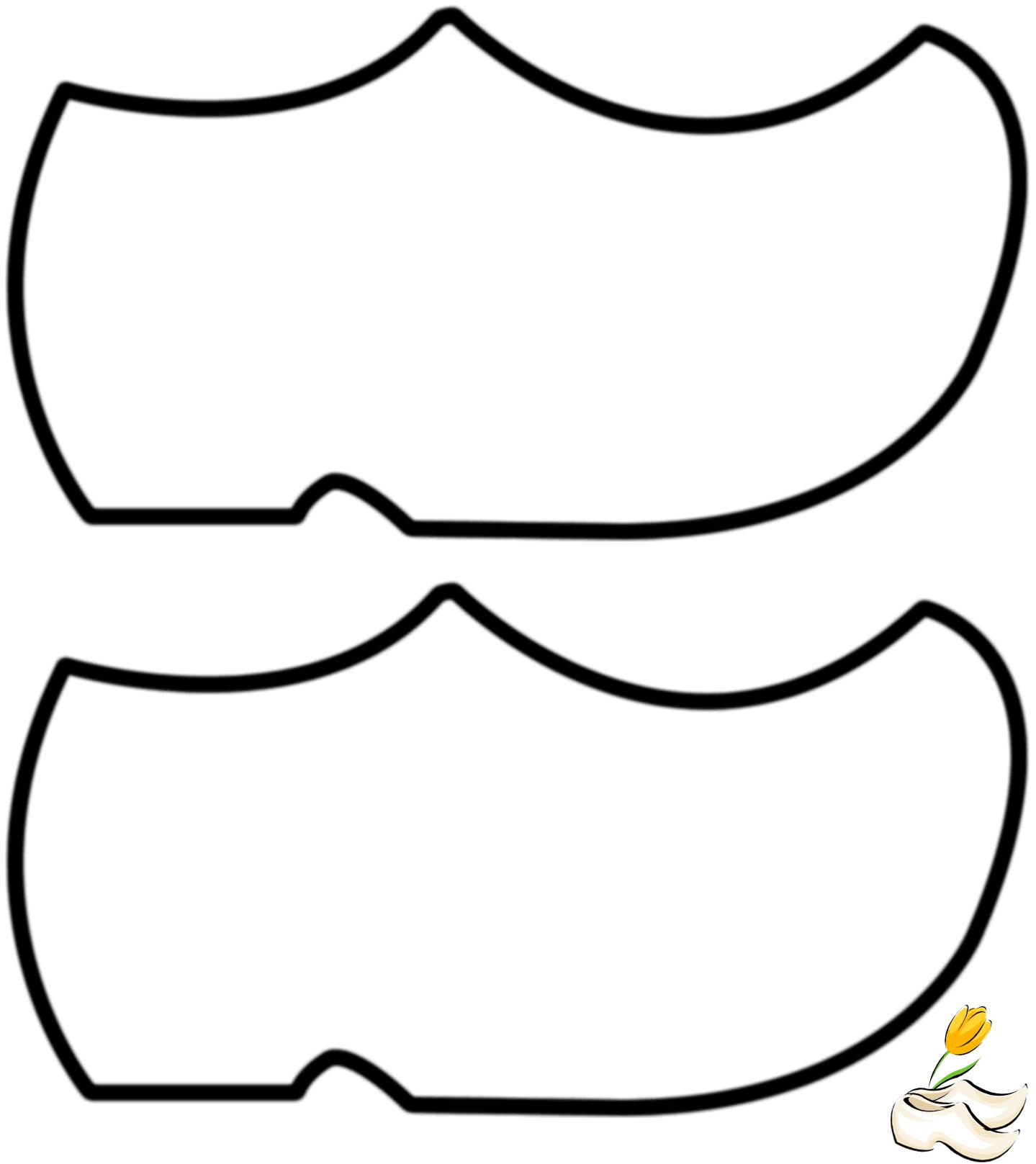


Since 1923 the lighting of the National Christmas tree has been lit. The First Lady Grace Coolidge gave permission for the District of Columbia Public Schools to erect a Christmas tree on the Ellipse south of the White House. The organizers named the tree the "National Christmas Tree." That Christmas Eve, President Calvin Coolidge walked from the White House to the Ellipse and "pushed the button" to light the 48-foot Balsam fir, as attendees watched.

Decorate Your Own Ornament



Decorate Your Own Wooden Shoes From The Netherlands



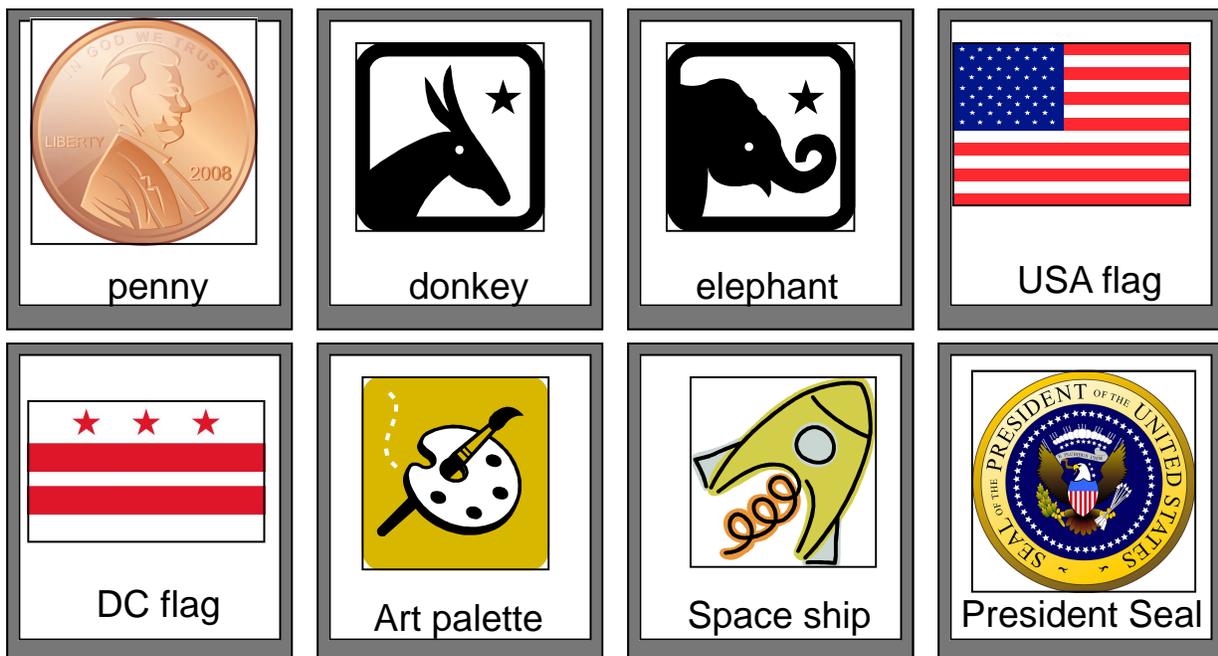
Decorate your own wooden shoes. Common designs are tulips and geometric patterns. In addition, common colors that are painted for the background are white, red, and yellow.

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

WHITE HOUSE BINGO-Calling

- **Items Needed:** Bingo Cards, Calling Cards, and foam shapes or pennies to mark the squares.
- Copy the White House Bingo Cards for each child plus the calling cards. Cut out all the calling cards and place them in a paper bag or container.
- Hand out one bingo card to each child [each card should be different]. There are six different cards to choose from. If you have a larger group participating divide them into two different groups.
- The caller should pull one image out at a time and describe it to the participants. [There should be a caller and cards for each Bingo game that is set up.]
- Distribute pennies, foam shapes, buttons to use as markers on the board.
- **Options:** Decide what pattern is made on the card to win.
- **Straight Bingo:** Make a horizontal, diagonal OR vertical line to win Bingo.
- **Blackout Bingo:** All images must be marked or covered to get Bingo.
- **Square Bingo:** Fill the card in the shape of a square, covering all the edges on the board.
- **U Bingo:** Fill the card in the shape of a U right-side up, upside down, or sideways

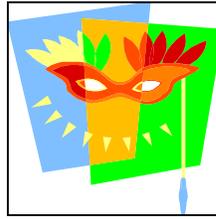




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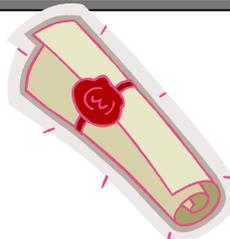
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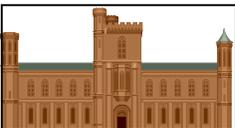
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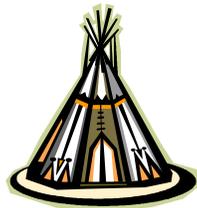
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CAROLING

Nation's Capital BINGO

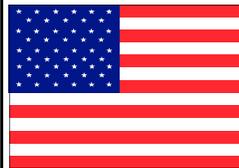
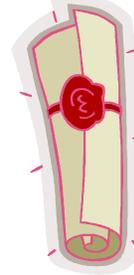
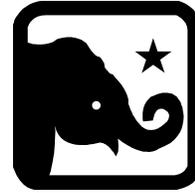
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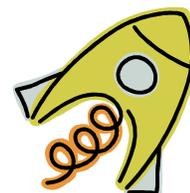
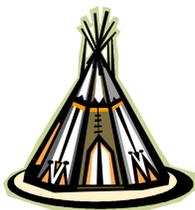
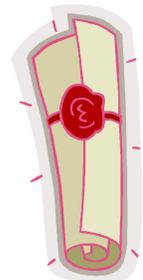
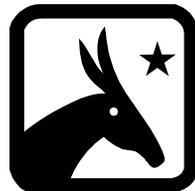
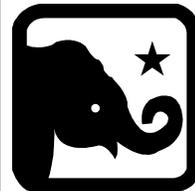
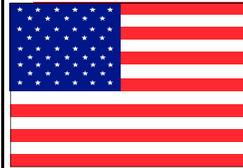
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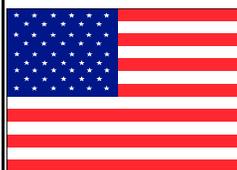
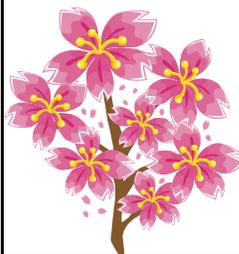
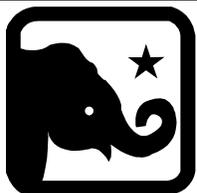
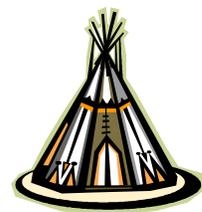
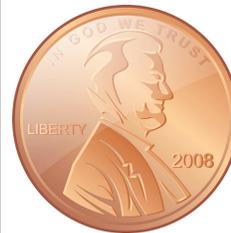
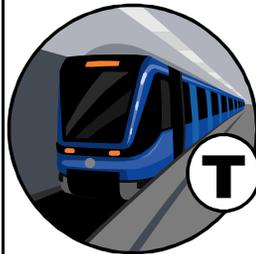
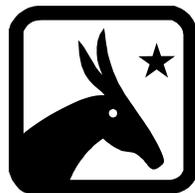
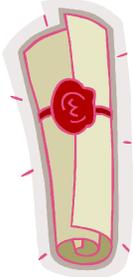
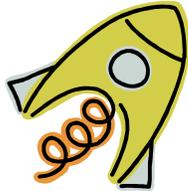
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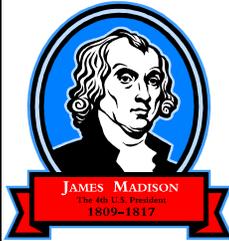
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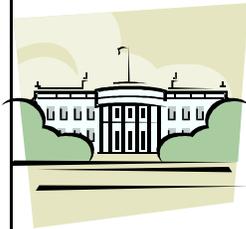
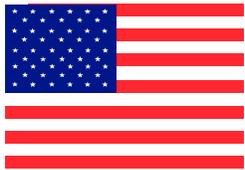
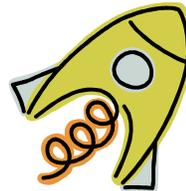
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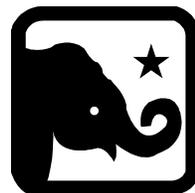
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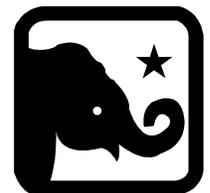
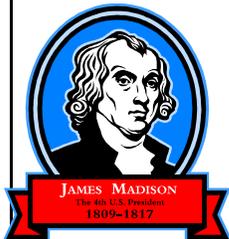
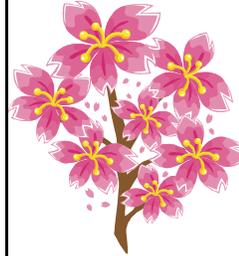
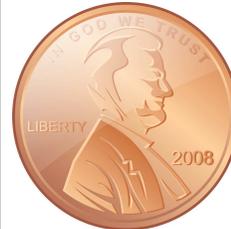
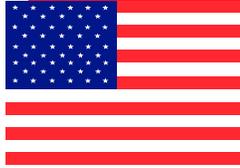
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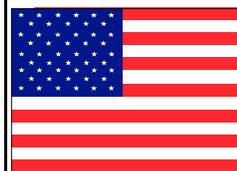
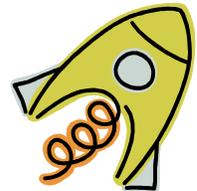
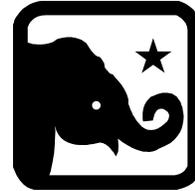
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