

# Flags in Relation to Maps

## Level II

### Materials:

- Pin Maps – Four Maps of North America:
  - control map of North America for country names and set of green pin flags
  - control map of North America for capital names and set of red pin flags
  - control map of North America for national flag and set of national flag pins
  - working map of North America with holes for the pin flags



**Presentation 1:**

1. Share the map of affixed flags with the children.
2. Discuss the matching of a particular country to its flag.
3. Distribute the pin-flags for the children to insert in the holes of the appropriate countries on the working map of North America.
4. It is only necessary that the child have the ability to visually match the flags.

**Presentation 2:**

1. Lay out the map with the flags affixed.
2. Share the map with the holes and no flags attached.
3. Distribute the pin-flags for the children to insert in the holes of the appropriate countries. The child is guided by the map with the flags affixed.
4. The completed map with flags may be checked for accuracy by comparing this with the control map, which has the flags affixed.
5. The child may place the map with the flags affixed to the side and match the flags to the countries.
6. Place the pins for the countries and capital cities on the working map of North America. Use the control map to check for accuracy.
7. Follow-up activities for the child:
  - a) Trace the contour of each country and trace or draw its flag beneath it. Place it in the geography notebook.
  - b) Make booklets of the countries and flags.
  - c) Make a wall chart of the countries and flags.
8. Continue with this same presentation for each continent. The 'pin maps' are only available at this time for North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

# Study of a Flag

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the name of the country?
2. What colors are in the flag of the country?
3. Are there geometric patterns such as crosses or stripes?
4. What do these geometric patterns mean?
5. Is there a symbol or picture on the flag? Describe it.
6. What do the symbols or pictures represent?
7. Does the flag have a nickname?