

## True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *Betsy Ross*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1	Betsy Ross is sometimes called the "Mother of American Literature."	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 2	Betsy is said to have cut out a five-pointed star with a single snip of her scissors.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 3	Visitors to the Betsy Ross House are not allowed to ask questions about the flag she made.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 4	The first official American flag was called the "Stars and Freedom."	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 5	Many historians say that no credible proof exists to confirm Betsy made the first American flag.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>



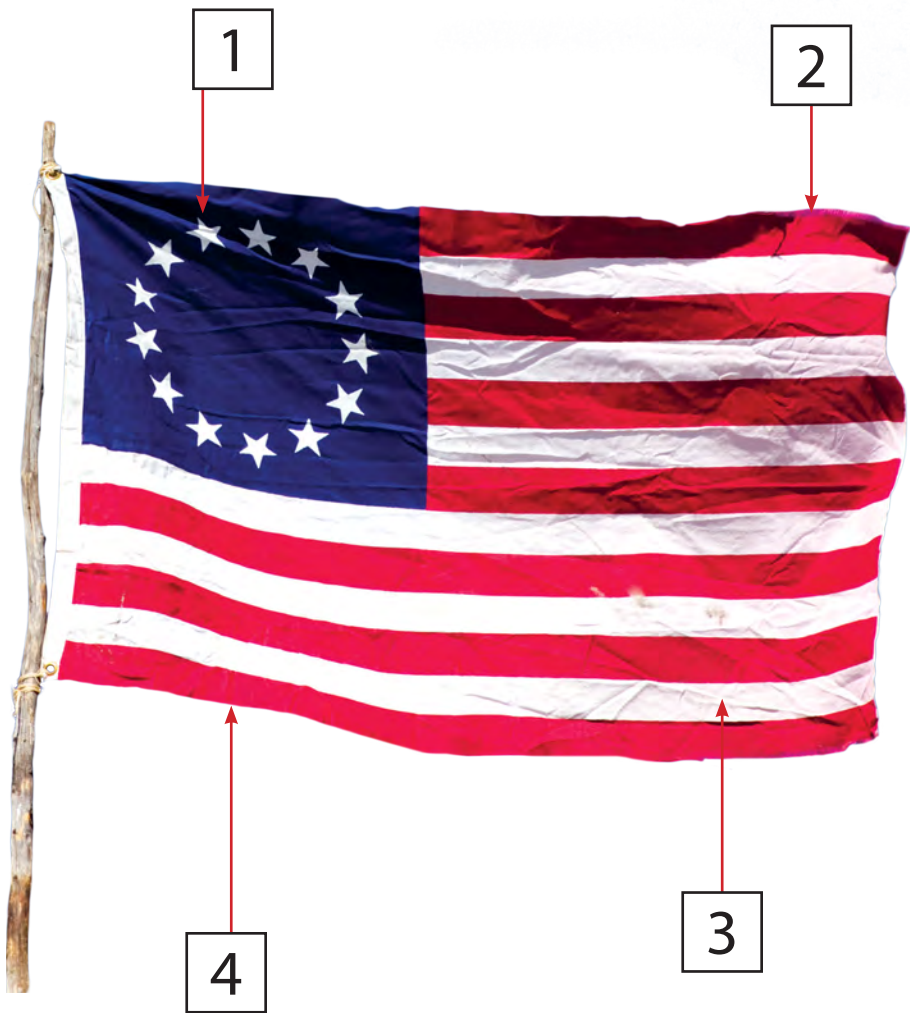
# Stars and Stripes

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Using information you have read in the book, explain what each part of the American flag represents. Write your answers in the box that matches the number on the flag. Check your answers using the book.



1

2

3

4



Complete the statements by entering the correct number in the box.

1. Today, the flag has this many stars on it.

**12**

2. In this year, the Betsy Ross Bridge opened in Philadelphia.

**1777**

3. Betsy lived as a renter in the Betsy Ross House from 1776 to this year.

**1776**

4. Betsy completed her schooling when she was this many years old.

**13**

5. Betsy was asked to make a flag that would represent this many colonies that fought for independence from Great Britain.

**50**

6. General Washington is believed to have come to Betsy's house in the summer of this year.

**1779**

7. The U.S. Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the country's official flag in this year.

**1976**



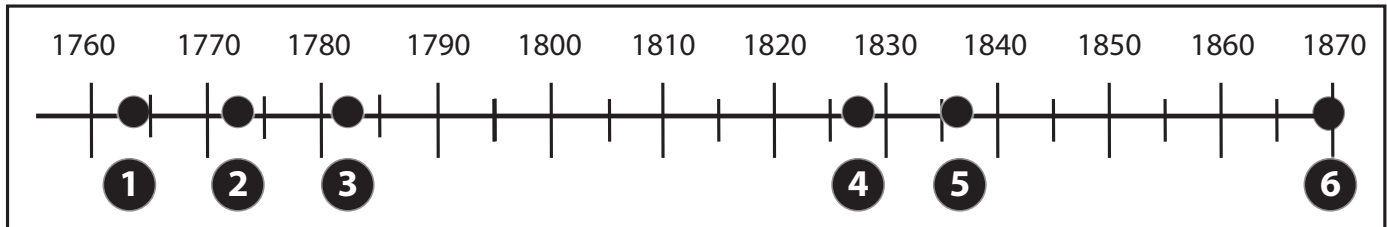
# Timeline

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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with pages 18–19 of the book.



Betsy marries John Ross. They open an upholstery shop.

John Ashburn dies. Betsy marries John Claypoole the following year.

Betsy's grandson William Canby tells the Historical Society of Pennsylvania that his grandmother made the first American flag.

Betsy finishes school at age 12.

Betsy retires from the flag-making business. She is 76 years old.

Betsy dies at the age of 84.



## Fill in the Blanks

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Use the information found in *Betsy Ross* to help you complete the following activity.

1. Although Betsy agreed to make the flag, she suggested that the stars have  points.

2. Betsy and John had to  to get married.

3. Shortly after John and Betsy married, the couple opened their own  shop soon after.

4. Betsy's parents were members of the  religion.

5. Betsy attended the  Public School.

6. As a , Betsy supported the colonies.



## Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- 1** What type of business did Betsy and John Ross have?
  - a A bakery
  - b An upholstery shop
  - c An general store
  - d A print shop
- 2** What do the 13 red and white stripes on the flag represent?
  - a Colonies
  - b Planets
  - c Generals
  - d Cities
- 3** How many brothers and sisters did Betsy have?
  - a 15
  - b 7
  - c 16
  - d 11
- 4** What age was Betsy when she retired from making flags?
  - a 72
  - b 65
  - c 84
  - d 76
- 5** What name was Betsy given at birth?
  - a Elizabeth Griscom
  - b Betsy Ross
  - c Elizabeth Grisby
  - d Betsy Griscom



## True or False?

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false, make it true.

- 1** Abraham Lincoln asked Betsy to make the American flag.

- 2** Betsy was married three times.

- 3** There is a bridge in Philadelphia named after Betsy.

- 4** The Stars and Stripes became the official flag of the United States in 1788.

- 5** The American flag has six-pointed stars.



## Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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### KEY WORDS

apprentice	historians
colonies	legend
Congress	Patriot
constellation	proof
credible	Quaker
elope	upholstery

Your Score is  \_\_\_\_\_ %

1.   
the work of providing furniture, especially seats, with padding and covers

7.   
people who study or write about history

2.   
information that shows something to be true

8.   
a person who belongs to a religious group that believes in a simple, peaceful life

3.   
a story from the past that cannot be proven true

9.   
a person who sided with the colonies during the U.S. War of Independence

4.   
a person who learns a trade by working for someone with experience in the trade

10.   
lands ruled by another nation

5.   
the branch of the U.S. government that makes laws

11.   
a group of stars that form a pattern in the sky

6.   
able to be believed

12.   
to run away secretly to get married



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Betsy Ross

Reference: All Pages