

NATIONAL SYMBOLS

Don't Tread On Me

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage and answer the following questions.

In 1754, during the French and Indian War Ben Franklin published this cartoon of a rattlesnake cut into 13 pieces, representing the 13 colonies. He wanted the colonies to join together to fight as one. This use of the rattlesnake stood to represent America's resistance spirit and became a symbol of America.

DON'T TREAD ON ME, also known as the Gadsden Flag, is an early American flag. It shows a rattlesnake and the motto "Don't Tread on Me" on a patch of grass over a yellow background. It was designed by Colonel Christopher Gadsden and stood as a symbol of Colonial America and its resistance to British rule.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S CARTOON "JOIN OR DIE"



GADSDEN'S FLAG "DON'T TREAD ON ME"

1. What type of snake is drawn in the "Join or Die" cartoon and the "Don't Tread on Me" flag?
2. What is another name for the Don't Tread on Me flag?
3. Who designed the Don't Tread on Me flag?
2. Who drew the JOIN or DIE cartoon?
3. What does the rattlesnake stand for in Colonial America?