

# Design Your Own “Don’t Tread On Me” Flag!

The Gadsden’s Flag, also known as the “Don’t Tread on Me” Flag was designed by Colonel Christopher Gadsden in 1775. It served as a symbol of Colonial American Spirit in the fight against the British during the American Revolution. In modern times, the flag is still used as a symbol for American patriotism, disagreement with the government and support for civil liberties.



The use of the snake as a symbol of America can be traced back to the first political cartoon ever drawn. During the French and Indian War, Benjamin Franklin used the image of a snake to represent the colonies. The snake was cut into 8 sections. Each section represented one colony beginning with New England at the head and South Carolina at the tail. He was calling for the colonies to join together in the fight against the Royal French forces and their various allied Native American forces.

**It's time to design your own “Don’t Tread On Me” Flag!**

**Use the space below to explain why you chose the symbols and colors that you used in your flag!**

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