

Lesson Plan

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Thai

TOPIC: National Flags

OBJECTIVES:

1. After reading passages about the Thai flag, students will be able to extract information about the physical characteristics, symbolism, and history of it.
2. Students will be able to describe the physical characteristics and symbolism of the Thai and U.S. flags.

LEAD-IN:

1. Play the Thai national anthem.
2. Have the students compete to see draw the Thai flag.
3. Elicit vocabulary related to describing the physical characteristics of the flag.
4. Elicit vocabulary related to explaining the symbolism of the flag. (5 minutes)

TASKS AND FEEDBACK:

1. Reading activity. Divide students into two groups and have each group read and take notes on a different passage on the Thai flag (one from the Thai Cultural Reader, one from the Thai Elementary Primer). (10 minutes)
2. Information gap activity. Have students pair up to relate information and ask questions about the Thai flag based on the reading. (10 minutes)

FOLLOW-UP:

Show a U.S. flag and play an instrumental rendition of the “Star-Spangled Banner.” Have the students compare their thoughts about the symbolism of Thai and U.S. flags. (5 minutes)