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Know Your Chicago Flag!

READ:

Did you know that flags tell stories? The colors and designs on flags stand for important events and places. On the Chicago flag, the four red stars stand for important things in the city's history. The first star is for Fort Dearborn, the second represents the Great Chicago Fire, the third and fourth stand for the two world's fairs that took place in Chicago. The two blue stripes remind us of our important waterways; Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. The white stripes represent the neighborhoods where people live all across the city including the north, south, and west sides.

DO:

How can you make the Chicago flag your own?

- **Color** in the flag on the next sheet. The Chicago flag has a white background, two blues stripes and four red stars, or use your favorite colors!
- **Design** your own Chicago flag and draw a picture of it.
- **Make it** out of other supplies you have around the house such as construction paper, tissue paper or fabric scraps.

Approx. Time: 30 45 minutes

Materials:

- ⇒ Paper/Writing materials
- ⇒ Drawing Materials
- ⇒ Optional: Construction or tissue paper, fabric.

SHARE:

- **Hang** your Chicago Flag in a window for all to see!
- **Post** your Chicago Flag on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies to see what others have created.



Chicago Flag circa 1947. IChi-066334



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