

What Is America?

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extension activities for use by parents and teachers

STARS & STRIPES SLIME

Instructions:

- Pour one cup of glue into three separate bowls. Next, add a few drops of red food coloring in one bowl and a few drops of blue food coloring into another bowl until you get the desired color intensity. Stir well.
- Once you get the colors you want for the red and blue slime, add the liquid starch to each bowl and stir. Add more starch and keep stirring. A ball will form almost immediately. Once that happens, remove the slime from the bowls and knead the mixture with your hands. Pass the ball back and forth between your hands.
- Once you have your red, blue, and white slime, place the colors side by side and pick up with your hand. You can let it cascade down from your hand or you can squeeze it, pull it, or twist it.
- Lastly, you can add red and blue glitter or even star-shaped confetti to your slime concoction.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1 cup Elmer's glue
1/4 cup liquid starch
red and blue food coloring
3 mixing bowls
a spoon or spatula
a storage container

PAPER PLATE FLAG

Why not make a patriotic craft that's easy and fun? Create a paper plate flag!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Paper plate
Red paint
Blue paint
White paint
Paintbrushes
Pencil
Ruler
Cotton Swab

Instructions:

- Paint a blue rectangle in the upper left corner of your paper plate.
- Paint six red stripes, leaving white stripes in between. Or, use white paint to paint white stripes between each red stripe.
- When the blue rectangle is dry, use a cotton swab dipped in white paint to create stars.

DRAW IT!

Draw a picture below of what America means to you. (For example, you could draw a picture of the American flag or maybe an eagle!)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these America-themed words!

1. meraica
2. glaf
3. skrowfier
4. eegal
5. toev
6. lmeting top
7. der, htiwe dna ebul
8. moderef
9. degelp
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LETTER MIX-UP

See how many words you can create from the letters that make up the book's title!

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