

# FLAG FACTS



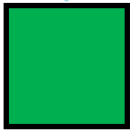
- The Maple Leaf Flag became the official flag of Canada on February 15th 1965.
- The Maple leaf has been used to represent Canada since the 1700s. Maple trees can be found across Canada.
- The red on the flag represents Canada's early French history, as well as prosperity and hope.
- The white on the flag represents Canada's early British history, as well as peace, tranquility, and impartiality.

## MAKE YOUR OWN FLAG!

Every country has their own unique flag. The colours and symbols on flags represents a country's history, values, and priorities. Below are some of the most common symbols and colours found on country flags. If you were to make a flag for Canada what colours and symbols would you use? Use your imagination! What would a flag you designed for your own made up country look like, what colours and symbols would you use? Take a picture of your designs and share them with the museum by tagging @BrockvilleMus on Facebook!



Shield: A shield is a unique design that a country has created as a symbol of its identity.



Square: The four even lengths symbolize balance and equal opposites



Triangle: The three points represent the Christian Trinity, or strength and power



Cross: Can symbolize points of a compass, or as the symbol of faith



Stars: Often represent energy when depicting the night sky or a constellation



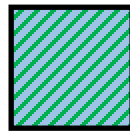
Crescent Moon: Symbolizes divinity



Sun: Symbolizes unity and energy



Lion: Symbolizes courage, nobility, royalty, strength, stateliness and valour



Multi Colours: Combinations of colours can signify united countries or areas



Green: Agricultural Importance, Fertility, Prosperity, Youthfulness, Hope



White: Peace, Purity, Harmony, Neutral



Blue: Determination, Liberation, Alertness, Good Fortune, Freedom



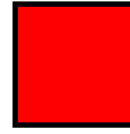
Black: Determination, Defeat of Enemies, Ethnic Heritage



Yellow: Wealth, Energy, Happiness, Success



Orange: Courage, Sacrifice



Red: Power, Revolution, War, Vibrancy, Courage, Domination, Prosperity