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REQUIREMENT 1: Describe the evolution of the National Flag.

Flags have been in use since the _____ of civilised man. Originally, flags were the personal emblems of _____ or _____ of armies. In later times flags were a way of expressing a people's _____ and pride.

In land _____ through the ages the flag formed a _____ point for troops and often the tide of a battle was _____ by the standard bearer _____ his troops around the flag.

In Australia, the _____ in Canberra houses many _____ and national flags that have passed through shot and shell. They are _____ for posterity and treated with due _____ by visitors. Flags tell a story through their _____ and _____

Before _____, Australia's colonies flew the flags of _____ – the _____ (correctly named the Union Flag) and its other flags.

Growing Australian _____ in the _____ inspired the use of many unofficial flags – a common feature of which was the _____ a constellation unique to southern skies. Among the better-known flags in Australia's early colonial history are the _____ flag (1823), the _____ flag (1851), the _____ flag (1853), the _____ flag (1854) and the _____ flag (1880 – 1890's).

From _____ each Australian colony adopted as its flag, the British _____, incorporating a _____ badge in the _____ to _____ it from other colonies.

On _____, the six colonies _____ to form the _____ of _____. In search of a flag for the new nation, the Commonwealth Government announced a _____. Entrants were asked to send a design for two flags – one for _____ and _____ purposes and one for _____ ships.

REQUIREMENT 2: How was the Australian national flag chosen?

The Commonwealth Government announced a Federal Flag _____ on April 29th, _____. The Review of Reviews for Australia, a Melbourne journal, had initiated an Australian flag competition in 1900. It was agreed that the entries received by this paper would be accepted in the Government's competition. The contest attracted _____ entries from men, women and children.

An expert panel of judges assessed the entries using guidelines that included, _____, _____, utility and _____ of manufacture.

On _____, the Prime Minister, _____, announced that _____ entrants who had submitted _____ designs, were to _____ the honour of being declared the _____ of the Australian National Flag.

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The Commonwealth Government and the Review of Reviews for Australia each provided _____ pounds and the Havelock Tobacco Company added _____ to this, making a total prize of _____ pounds (a substantial amount for those days).

REQUIREMENT 3: What are the elements of the Australian national flag?

The Australian _____ and _____ Ensigns feature the five stars of the _____ on the fly, with the _____ on the lower hoist and the _____ in the canton. The Union Jack represents the _____ to Britain. The Southern Cross represents the country's position in the _____. The Commonwealth Star, with its _____ points represents the unity of the _____ States.

Originally the _____ Ensign was reserved for _____ and _____ use while the _____ Ensign was to be flown by the _____ fleet and private _____. By _____ the stars of the Southern Cross were standardised to four _____ pointed and one _____ pointed stars.

In December _____ it was gazetted that the Commonwealth Star be altered from _____ to _____ points to represent the _____ States and all the Australian _____.

REQUIREMENT 4: What is the emotional, moral and spiritual significance of the Australian national flag?

Emotional Significance

In the same way that a _____ of _____ was linked to a _____ or State, the national flag has become a _____ with which people can _____. Flags have come to symbolise the people as a _____, rather than the actual State. For example, the Flag of the Union (Union Jack), which has _____ officially been _____ to be the British national flag, provides _____ that how people _____ toward a flag is far more _____ than whether legislative action has been taken to _____ a flag into the _____.

Almost _____ in the world, the national flag is held so _____ to people's _____ that they will risk their _____ for it. Under foreign _____, for example, displaying the national flag has often been an offence punishable by _____ and yet there have always been people who have been willing to _____ and _____ hoist their flag as a way of saying, "This is in our country, we will not accept interlopers!"

The national flag as a _____ symbol of a nation is so _____ in modern consciousness that _____ people just use a _____ to represent the nation, rather than its _____.

Ethical Significance

The Australian national flag represents the _____ that are part of the _____ of the Australian people. For example, belief that everyone should be entitled to a "_____ " and the _____ after the interests of family and friends (mates).

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When the Colonies of Australia _____ into The Commonwealth of Australia, the new nation was built upon the _____ values of _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.

These Christian values were _____ into the Australian Constitution to _____, the nation had _____ guidelines upon which to proceed in nation _____.

The national flag also _____ those values _____ in the Constitution.

Moral Significance

When on this earth, _____ stated that the people were to “_____ unto Caesar the _____ that are Caesars and unto _____ the things that are _____ (Matt 22:21). He declared that since they were living under the _____ of the Roman power, they should _____ to that power the _____ it claimed, so long as this did not _____ with a _____ duty. But while peaceably _____ to the _____ of the land, they should at _____ give their _____ allegiance to God.

The Apostle Paul also states that the _____ that exist are _____ by God and that _____ to them resists God. For the authorities are His _____ for the good of the people and the _____ of wrath on him who _____ evil. (Romans 13:1-7)

The national flag _____ the authority appointed by _____ for the good of the people and likewise is to be treated with the _____ due to the authorities.

REQUIREMENT 5: Describe the design and history of the State, Territory & Indigenous flags.

The flags of _____ Australian States bear the _____ in the _____ on a dark blue field – each distinguished by a _____ emblem. These flags were authorised by the Colonial Naval Defence Act of 1865 and were created between _____ and _____. The flags of the _____ were adopted in _____ years of the _____ century.

New South Wales

The first badge of New South Wales was authorised in _____ was a _____ of _____, the traditional emblem of _____, on a _____ background. This badge was replaced in _____, by a more distinctive design, based on the _____ Flag, with _____ eight pointed stars representing the _____ and a gold lion of _____ placed on the red cross of St George.

Victoria

The Victorian flag was proclaimed by the governor in _____. The badge of the flag was the five stars of the _____ on the fly. In _____ the _____ was added to the Southern Cross Badge of Victoria. The _____ Crown that is now featured on the State flag replaced the Imperial Crown in _____ upon the accession of _____, and it has _____ changed since then. The stars of the Southern Cross on the Victorian

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flag _____ from those on the Australian national flag in that they have a _____ number of points, to indicate their _____ brightness.

Queensland

The badge of the Queensland State flag is a light blue _____ style cross with the _____ of _____ superimposed at its _____. The design was approved in _____. The _____ design considered for the badge was a _____ of the head of _____, but this was _____ because it was deemed to be too _____ to reproduce _____ on a flag.

South Australia

The South Australian State flag was proclaimed in _____. It features a _____ (white backed magpie) standing on a _____ branch on a _____ disc that represents the _____.

Western Australia

Since the 1830s the _____ has been commonly used as an _____ of Western Australia. In the early days of settlement, it was known as the Swan River Colony. The Government proposed the adoption of the Black Swan Badge in _____ and its use on the flag was confirmed _____. Originally facing _____ from the hoist, the swan was reversed in _____.

Tasmania

The _____ on a _____ badge was officially the badge of Tasmania in _____ and confirmed in _____. There is _____ of the reason for using the lion “_____” on the State flag, although lions have been prominent in European heraldry for centuries.

Northern Territory

To mark the granting of _____ to the Territory in _____, this flag was adopted. The black panel against the hoist bears the _____ the stars of which have the same number of points as the Victorian State Flag. On the right hand _____ coloured panel is a stylised _____ (the State's floral emblem) in white with a black star at its centre. The _____ of the rose and the _____ on the star represent the six _____ and the _____.

Australian Capital Territory

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) flag was adopted in _____, after a public selection process. The _____ and _____ are regional colours. The blue panel against the hoist bears the _____. On the right hand golden panel, the _____ and _____ swans symbolise _____ and _____ Australians. The _____ alludes to Australia's capital city, Canberra, and the crown of _____ represents the role of the _____ in government. The _____ of justice, the parliamentary _____ and the _____ of York are depicted on the shield.

From _____ when the ACT was established until this new design became the official flag in _____, the _____ of _____ flag had been used as a de facto flag.

The External Territories

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Australia has _____ external territories: _____ Island, _____ Island and _____ Island, _____ Island, the _____ (Keeling) Islands, The Australian _____ Territory, the _____ Islands, and _____ and _____ Islands. Apart from Norfolk Island, the Australian National Flag is the _____ flag for these territories.

_____ Island is the only _____ territory to have its own official flag that was adopted in _____. This flag has _____ panels – the _____ two being deep _____ and the _____ panel is _____ and bears a green Norfolk Island _____ as a _____.

Aboriginal Flag

The Aboriginal Flag was designed by Harold Thomas in _____. The _____ represents the _____ people, the _____ the _____ and their _____ relationship to the _____ and the _____ the _____, the giver of life.

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The flag was so proclaimed by the Governor General of Australia, William Hayden, on 14 July

Torres Strait Islander Flag

This flag was adopted by the Torres Strait Islander people in _____. The flag has _____ panels: the top and bottom panels are _____ and the middle one is _____. These panels are divided by thin _____ lines. The green is for the _____, the blue for the _____ and the black for the _____.

In the _____ of the flag is a _____ (dancer’s headdress), which is the _____ for all Torres Strait Islander people. Underneath the dari is a _____ star; the five _____ represent the _____ in the Torre Strait and the white represents _____.

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REQUIREMENT 6: What are House flags?

The personal flags of knights of old find their counterpart in today’s house flags displayed by shipping companies and other commercial entities. Tens of thousands of schools, universities, associations and clubs also have their own flags.

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The most common characteristics of house flags are simple partitions of the field and extensive use of initials and simple emblems. The best house flags have simple designs and distinctive features, making them easy to recognise from a distance.

The Pathfinder and Adventurer flags would be considered to be house flags.

REQUIREMENT 7: List the rules on the use of the national flag

The following guidelines apply to the use of the Australian National Flag and to flags generally around the world.

- While being hoisted a person should _____ the flag, stand at _____, remain _____ and persons in _____ should _____.
- Persons in _____ should _____ the flag when _____ in a parade or when the national anthem is _____.
- The flag should be displayed _____ during the hours of _____ unless well _____.
- The flag should never touch the _____, _____ or _____.
- It should be raised _____ and _____ in a _____, ceremonious manner.
- Because the national flag takes _____ over all other flags, it must _____.
- be displayed in a position _____ to any other flag.
- When flown with flags of other _____ states, they should all be displayed at the _____ height and on _____ flag poles of the _____ height.
- If there is an _____ number flown together in a _____, the national flag will be on the _____ when viewed from the _____.
- If there is _____ number flown together in a _____, the national flag is positioned in the _____.
- If there are more than _____ flags displayed, there should be a national flag displayed at _____ of the line.
- In an _____ of flags, the national flag should be flown on the flagpole _____ the _____ entrance to a building or arena.
- In a _____ of flags, the national flag should be in the _____.
- When flown with state, province and house flags, the order of _____ is _____ or _____ and then _____.
- If carried in a _____ file with other flags, the national flag should always _____.
- If carried in line _____, it is _____ to have the national flag at _____ of the line. If only one national flag is _____, it should be placed in the centre of the line of flags carried abreast. Where the number of flags is and the national flag _____ be carried in the centre (of a line of flags abreast), it should be placed (carried) on the _____ end of the line _____ the _____ of movement.
- If the national flag is _____ suspended in an _____ street, the _____ should be towards the _____. In a _____ street the _____ should be towards the _____.

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- When the national flag is displayed _____ on a speaker's _____, it should be _____ the wall or on a _____ on the _____ of the speaker as they _____ the audience.
- When the national flag is displayed on a _____ on the _____ of a hall it should be on the _____ when _____ from the _____.
- The flag should _____ be used to _____ a statue, monument or plaque for an _____ ceremony; to _____ a table or seat; or to _____ boxes, _____ for the space between the floor and ground level on a dais or platform.
- When the flag is represented, for example, as an _____.
- For _____ purposes:
- It should be used in a dignified manner and reproduced accurately;
- It should not be defaced (i.e. have superimposed on it printing or illustration);
- It should _____ be _____ by other _____; and
- All _____ parts of it should be _____.
- When the flag becomes _____ and is no longer in a _____ condition for use, it should be _____ in a _____ manner by _____. If the flag is made of _____ or similar material that are _____ when burned an _____ alternative is to _____ the flag into _____, _____ pieces.
- When the flag is flown at _____ as a sign of _____.
 - It must be _____ be _____ to the _____ of the mast (the peak) then immediately _____ to the half-mast position.
 - The flag must be lowered to at least a position _____ half-mast so that it does not _____ to have _____ down from the top of the flagpole.
 - An _____ position would be when the _____ of the flag is a _____ of the _____ down from the _____ of the flagpole.
 - When _____ the flag at the _____ of the _____ of display at half mast, the flag _____ be briskly _____ to the _____ of the mast and then _____ in a _____, ceremonious manner.
- The _____ list is not the _____ list of rules that are _____. A _____ list is _____ from the Awards and National Symbols Branch, Department of Administrative Services, Canberra, ACT 2601.

REQUIREMENT 8: What is the correct method for the disposal of the National Flag?

When the National Flag has been _____ and is _____ fit for display, it should be _____ in a dignified manner by _____.

If the flag is made of _____ or _____ material that are _____ when _____, an _____ alternative is to _____ the flag into _____, _____ pieces.

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REQUIREMENT 9: Produce in detail a drawing of the Australian national flag.