



STARS *of* PERSUASION



Think about a time you tried
to persuade someone to use
your great idea.

Persuasion = explaining your idea and
backing it up with compelling reasons

- WHAT DID YOU SAY to try to convince them?
- HOW DID YOU TRY to make them UNDERSTAND YOUR IDEA?

STOP

Discuss with a classmate.

WHAT to
WATCH on tv



WHERE to go
out to eat



WHAT to DO
FOR FUN





1776

1912



1959



Look closely at each flag.
Do you see a difference?

• WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STRIPES?
- WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS?

How has the flag changed over time
and why do you think it changed?

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Do you recognize this man?

This is President Dwight D. Eisenhower ("Ike"). He was the 34th President of the United States. President Eisenhower played a big part in the flag we see today. When Ike took office, America had 48 states. In 1949, during his presidency, Hawaii and Alaska were added separately as states. What do you think needed to happen to the flag?

Yes, it needed to be updated to reflect our country's new states. First, to show we had 49 stars and then again to show we had 50 states.



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE sent in their IDEAS FOR the new FLAG design!

Anytime correspondence is sent to or from a President of the United States, it becomes part of their archival records and a primary source record of America's history!

Primary source = firsthand, original account or evidence created at the time the event or topic happened.

Archival record = original documents, in any format, that are preserved permanently because of their enduring historical, evidentiary, or research value.

This means every flag design sent is filed in the archives at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas.



Let's take a look at 12 designs sent to President Eisenhower from people who wanted to **persuade** him to use their idea for a new flag.

NEW FLAG SCORE SHEET

Each flag you examine was mailed to President Eisenhower to consider. Look closely at the 12 designs provided to you and fill in the chart below with your observations.

WHAT ARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE:

Design #	STRIPES	STARS	SYMBOLS	LETTERS OR WORDS	COLORS
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2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					

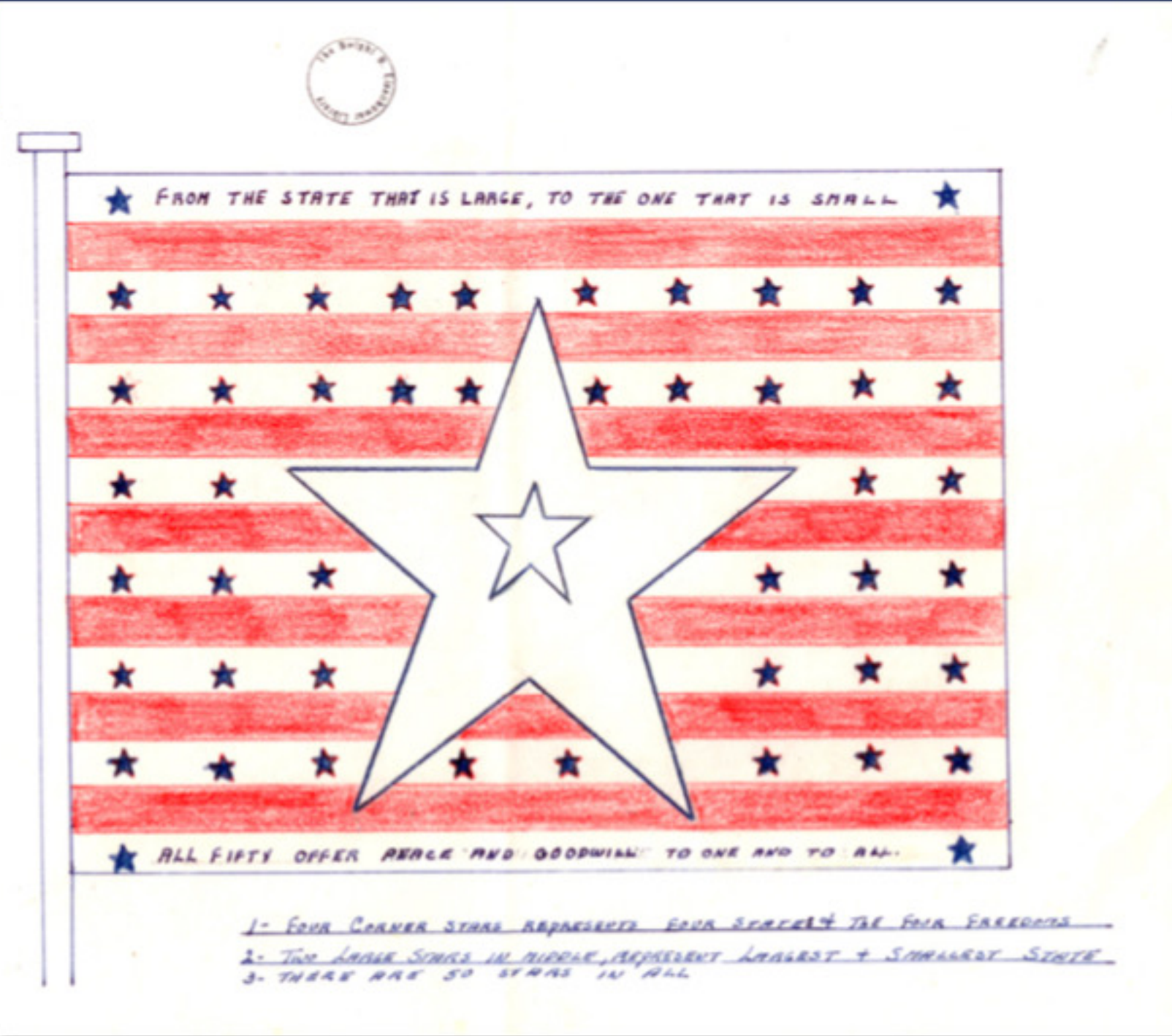
Choose the number of your favorite design and explain why you chose it below.

My favorite design is _____ because _____

A SYMBOL REPRESENTS OR STANDS FOR SOMETHING ELSE



What is the U.S. flag a symbol of?



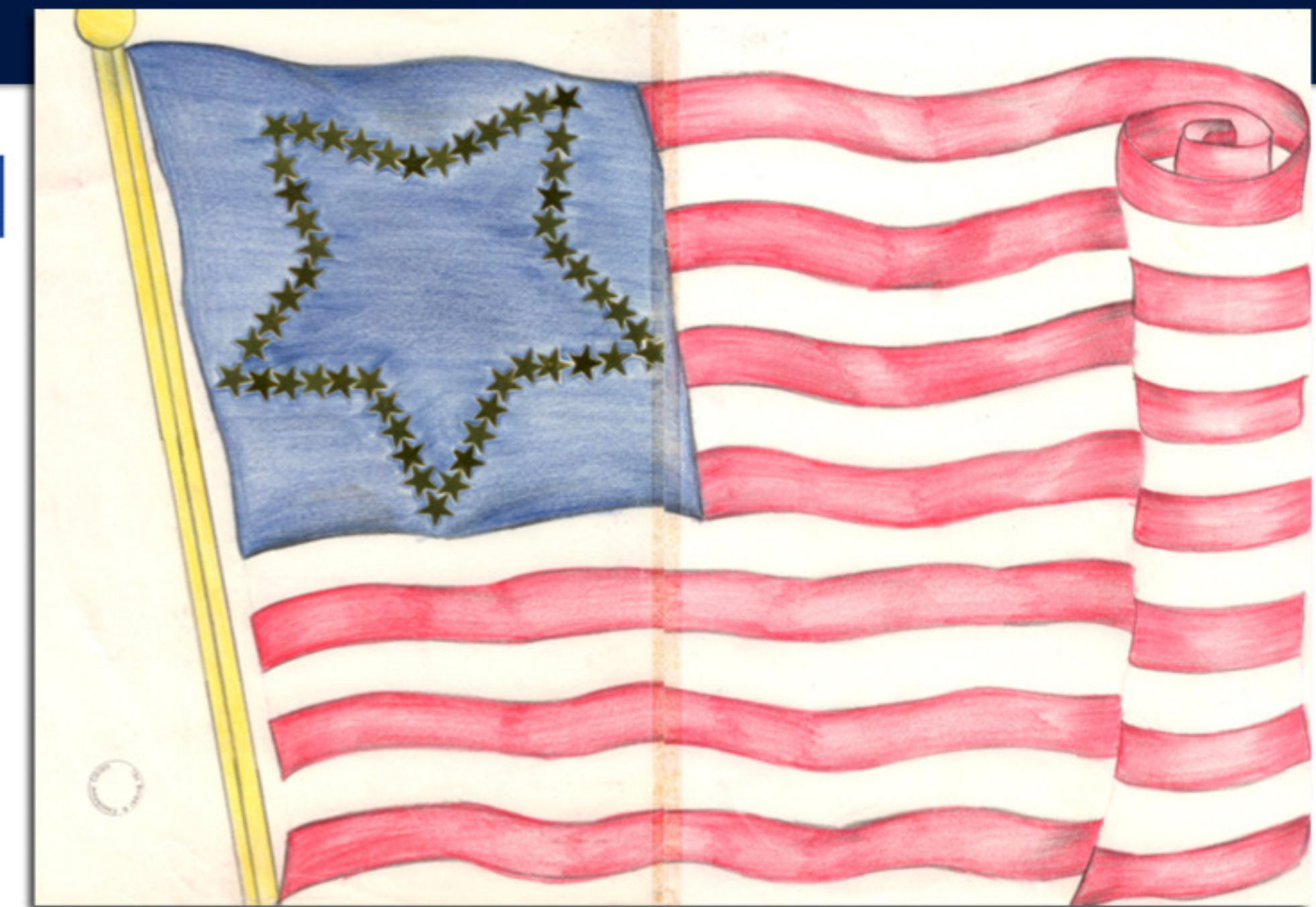
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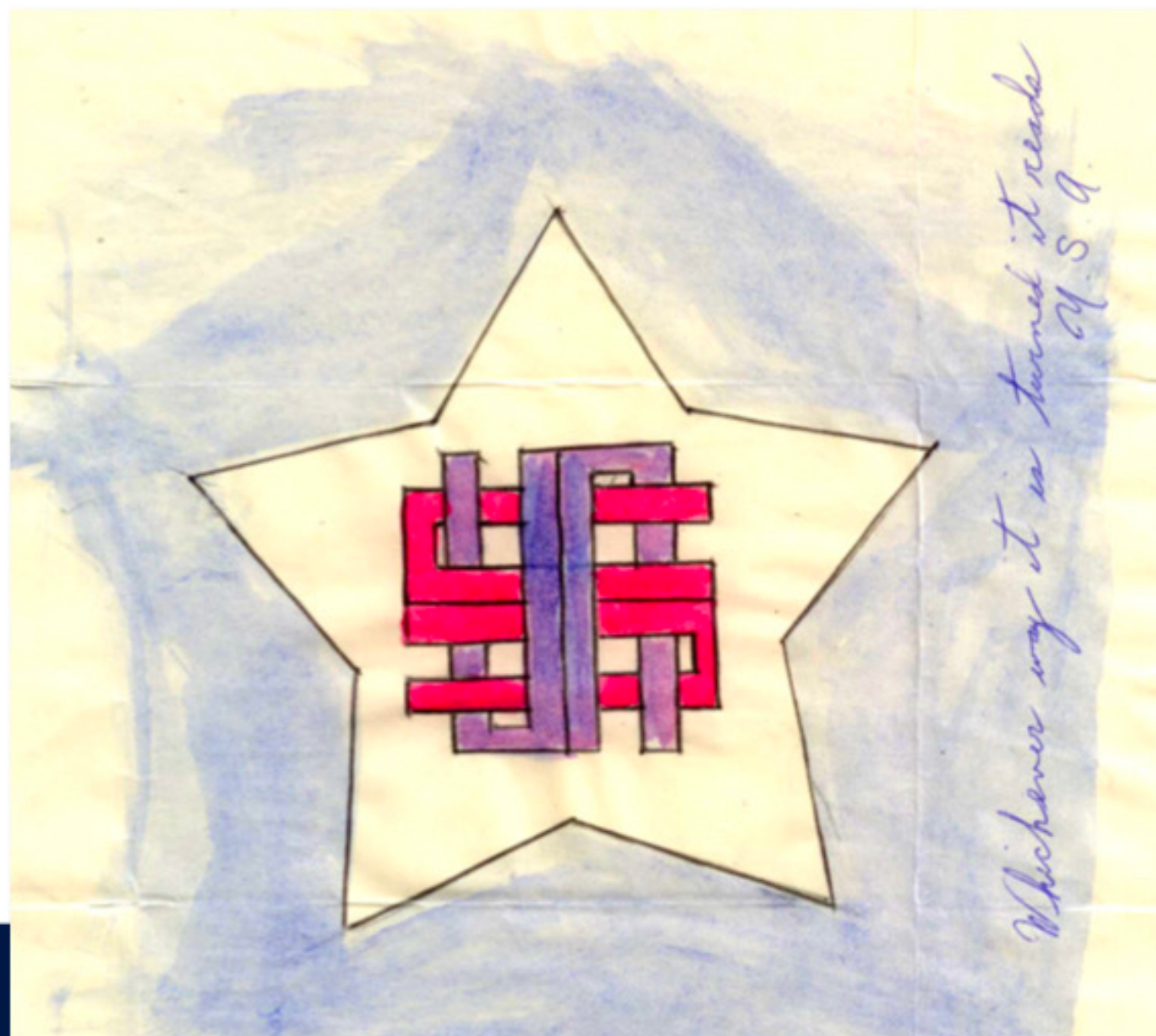
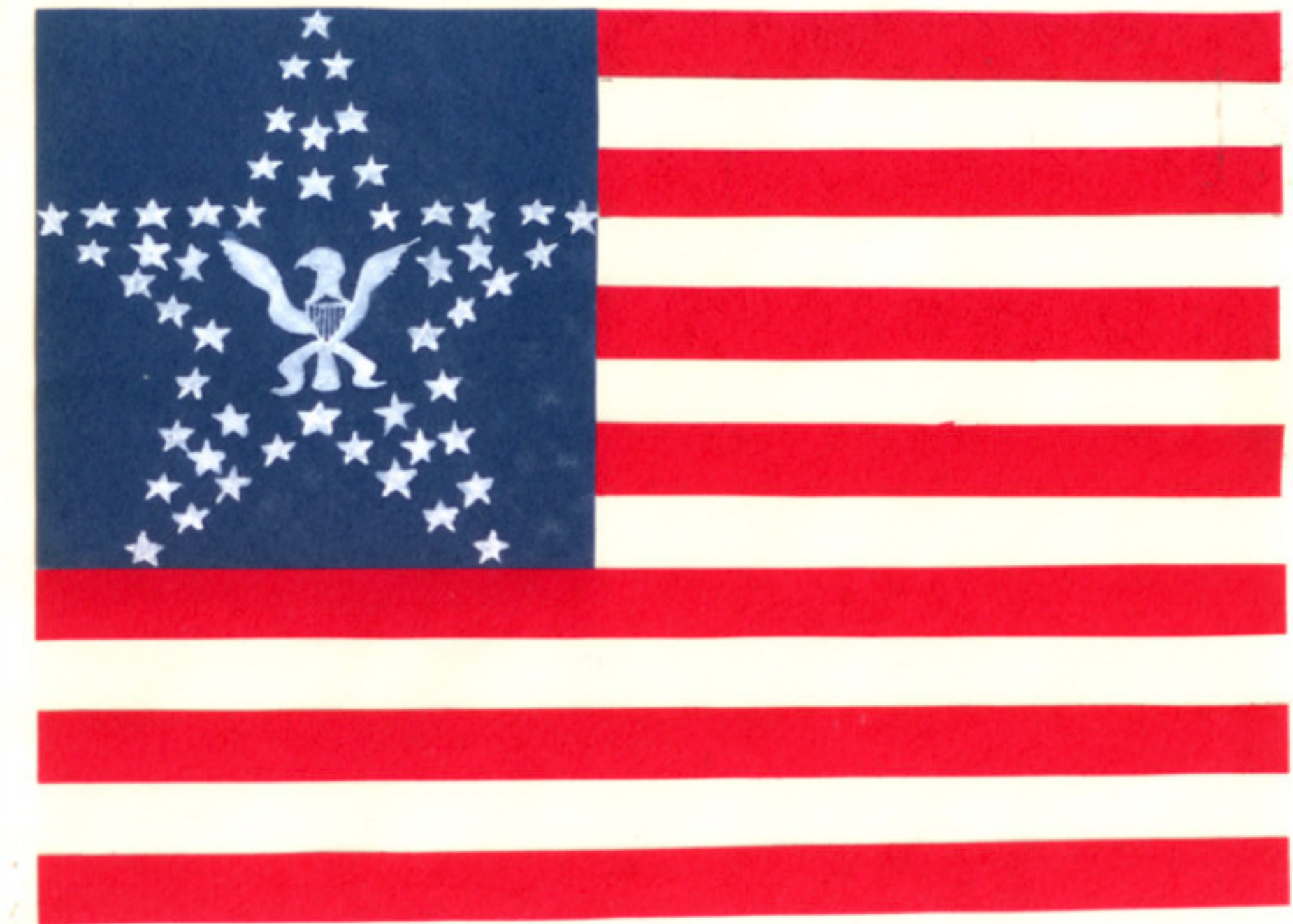
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LIKE ABOUT
THESE IDEAS?

FILL OUT THE
CHART.

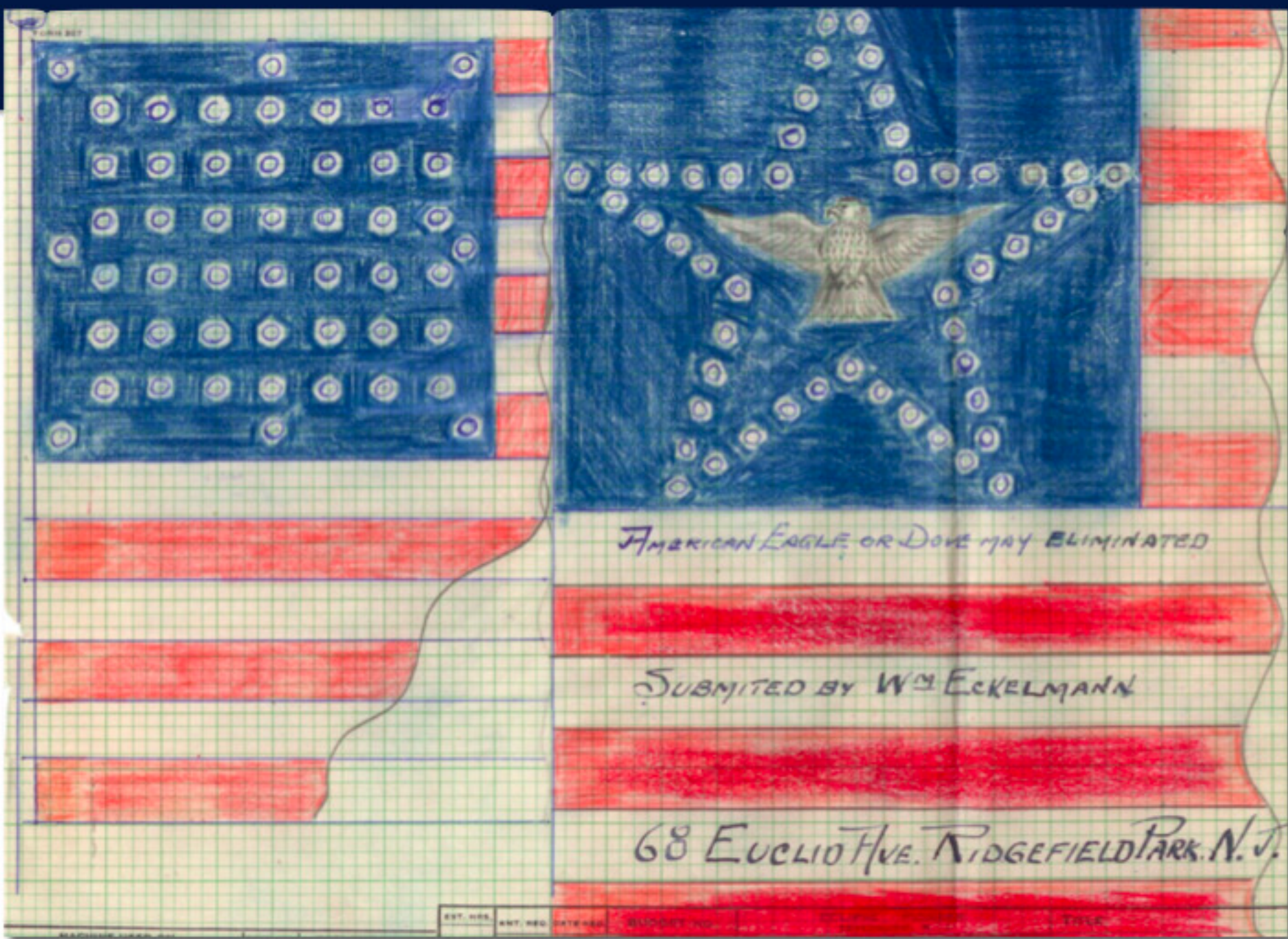
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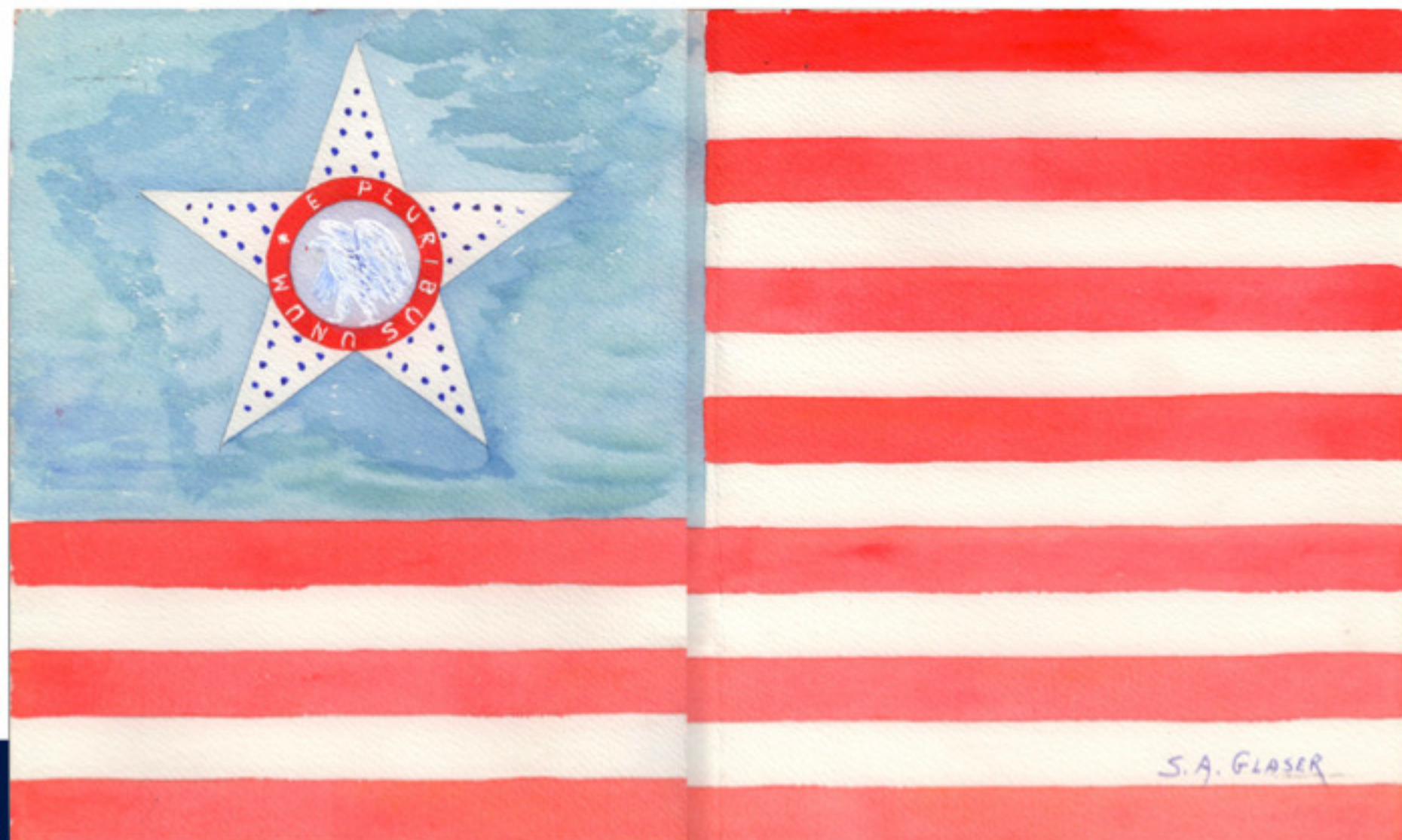
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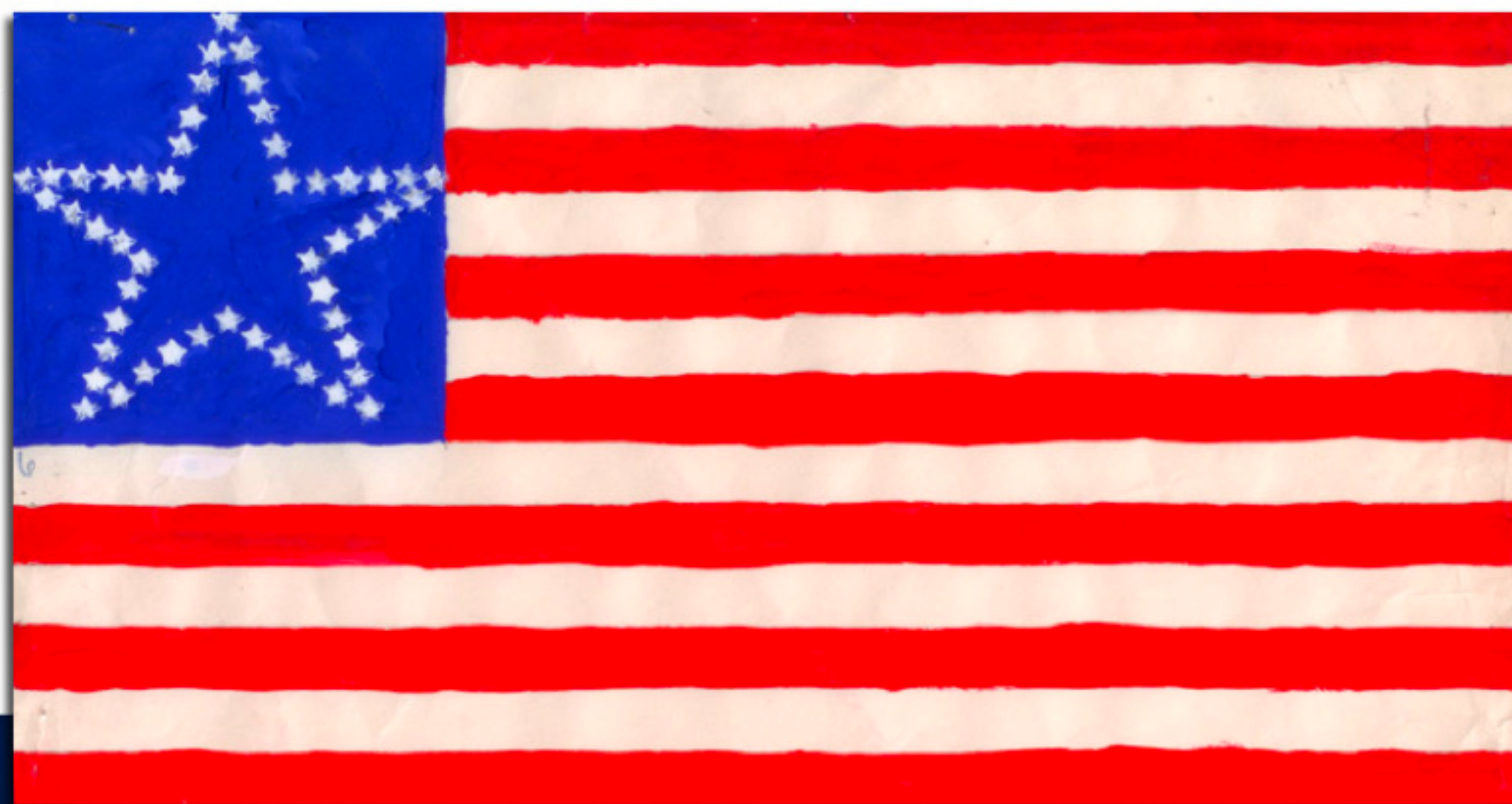
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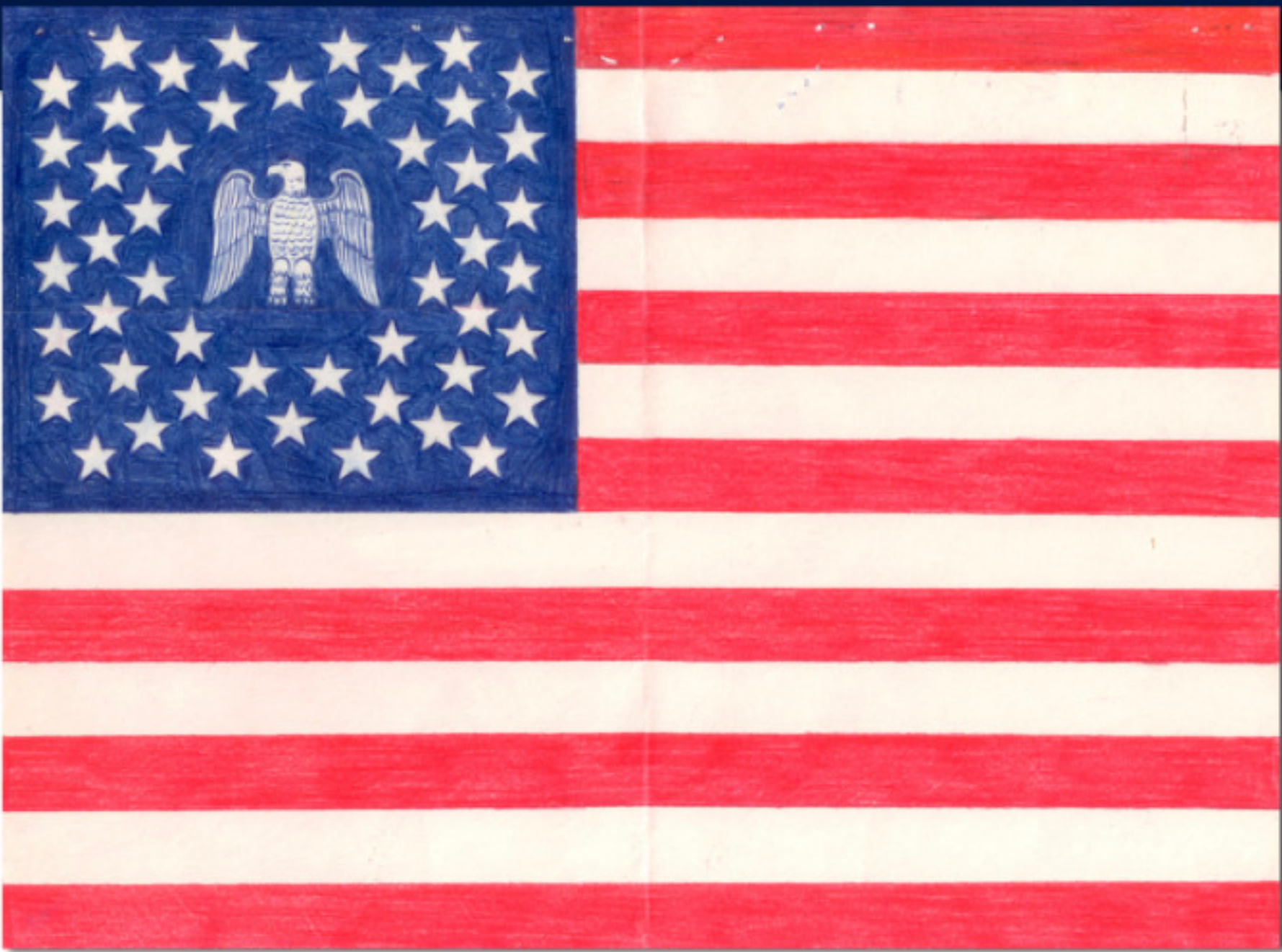
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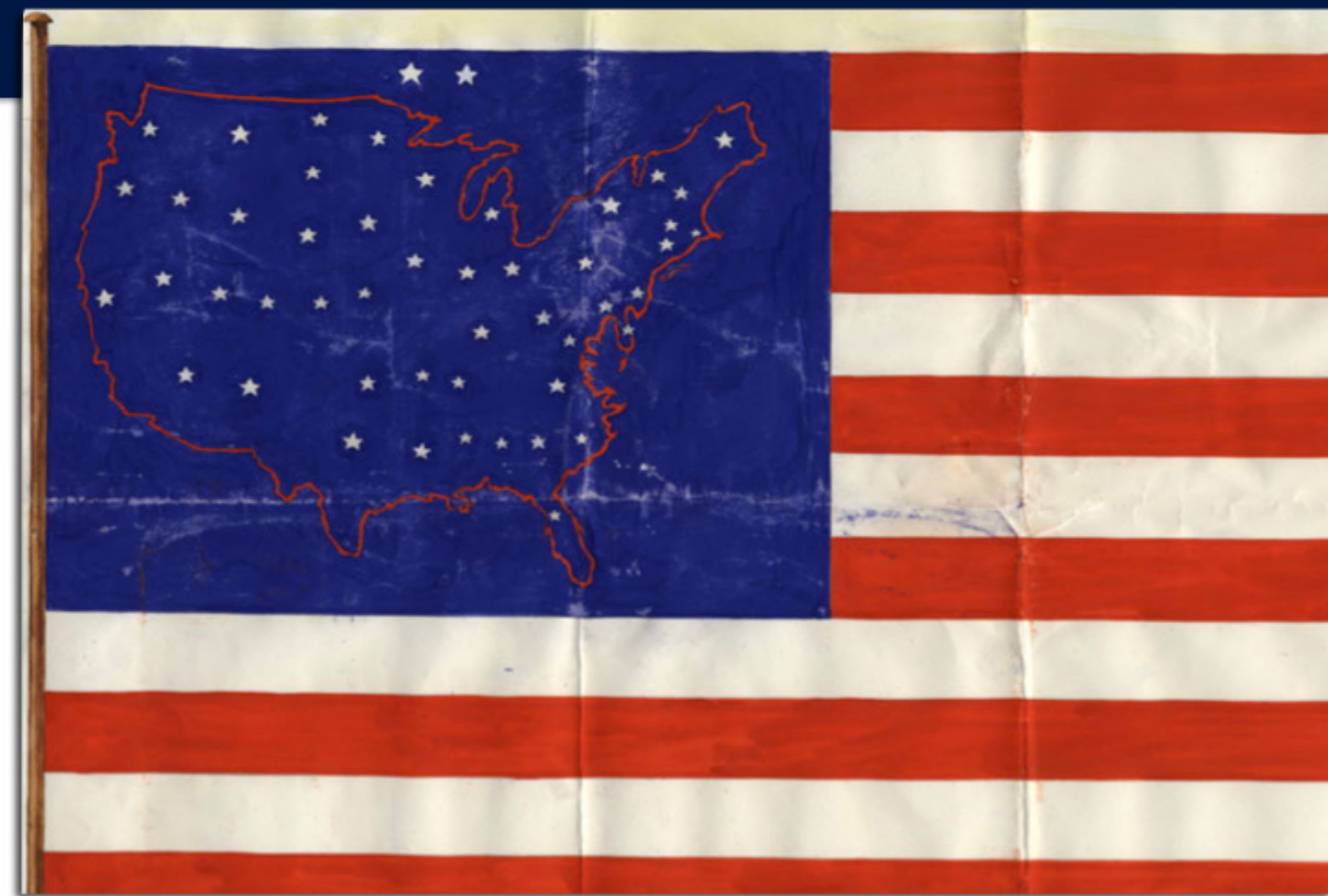


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10.



11.

12.



Did you know.....

- Most people know that the United States is made up of 50 states, but fewer realize the nation also has 14 territories.
- The United States has overseen territories since 1789, and 31 of those territories have gone on to become U.S. states, including Alaska, Hawaii.
- Only five of the 14 current U.S. territories are permanently inhabited—American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- There is a growing sentiment that most populous of these, Puerto Rico, should be given the option of becoming America's 51st state.

A territory is an organized division of a country that is not yet admitted to the full rights of a state.

puerto rico is the most populous U.S. territory, home to more than 3.3 million people. It was acquired by the U.S. in 1899



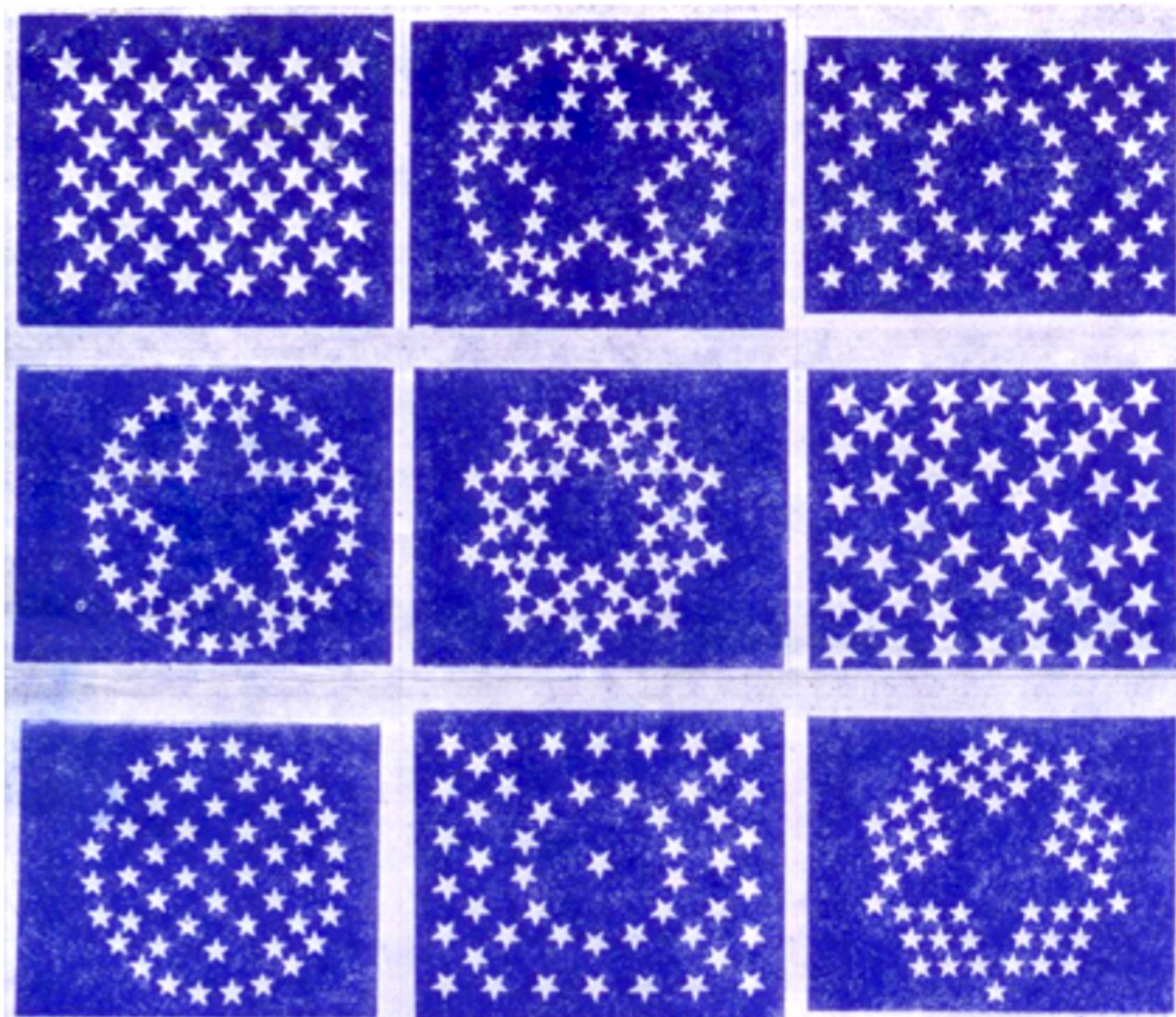
Creative Challenge....

- WHAT IF PUERTO RICO BECAME A STATE?
- HOW WOULD OUR FLAG NEED TO CHANGE?

YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO
DESIGN A FLAG TO
REPRESENT ADDING PUERTO
RICO TO OUR FLAG.



Create your own flag design.



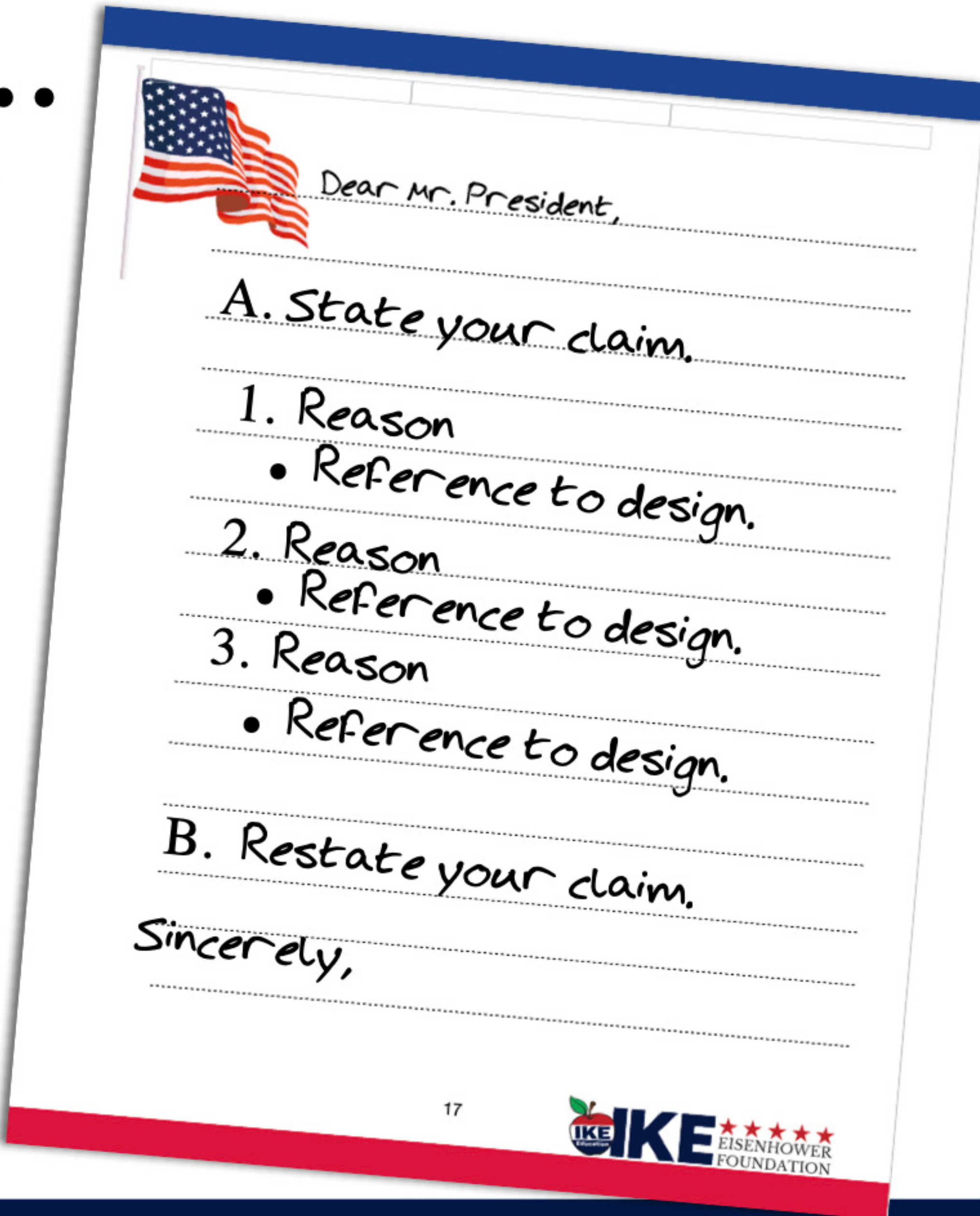
Need inspiration?
Check out these
variations of star
formations to help
with your ideas

Persuasive Writing...

Write a letter to our current President persuading him to choose your flag.

Letter must include:

- State your claim. (*What do you want the President to do? I would like you to ...*)
- Provide at least three reasons why your design should be chosen. (*My flag design should be chosen because...*)
- Reference to design. Support each of your three reasons with details included in your design. (*I included the color...*)
- Restate your claim. (*What do you want the President to do?*)



Dear Mr. President,

A. State your claim.

1. Reason

- Reference to design.

2. Reason

- Reference to design.

3. Reason

- Reference to design.

B. Restate your claim.

Sincerely,

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