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## Stars & Stripes Forever

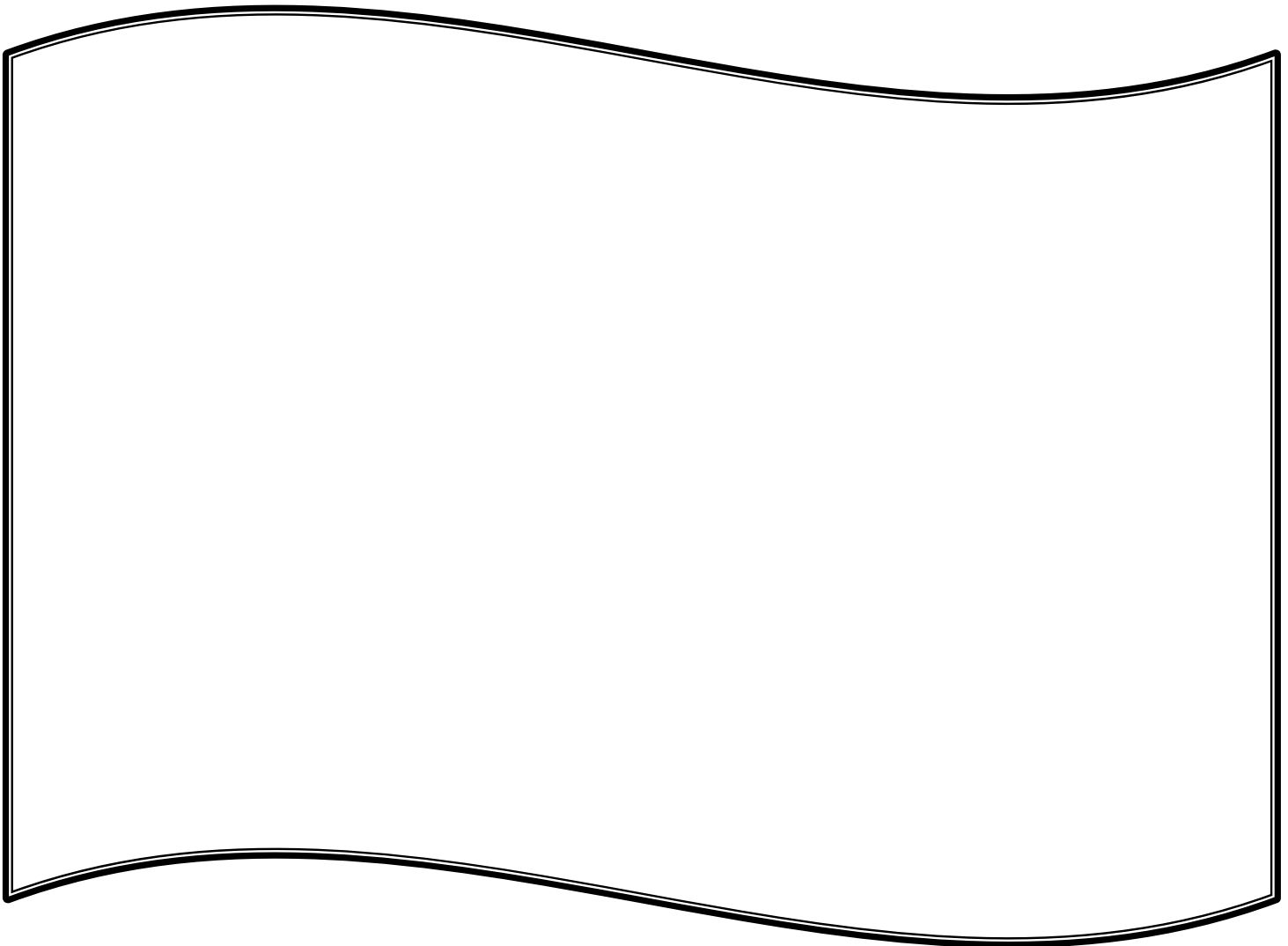
*All American* artist Jerry Bleem combined swatches of red, white and blue fabric into a large American flag. But did you know that everything on the American flag is symbolic?

The flag has 13 horizontal stripes: 7 red stripes and 6 white stripes. They represent the original 13 colonies. There are 50 stars, each representing one state in the Union. The 3 colors are also symbolic.

- **Red** symbolizes Hardiness and Valor.
- **White** is for Purity and Innocence.
- **Blue** represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

## Design Your Own Flag

If you were in charge of your own country, territory—or your bedroom—what flag would you like to fly high for all to see? You might use symbols that represent your favorite activities, hobbies, sports, and books. Maybe include your first or last name, family members or friends, where you live or the colors you like.

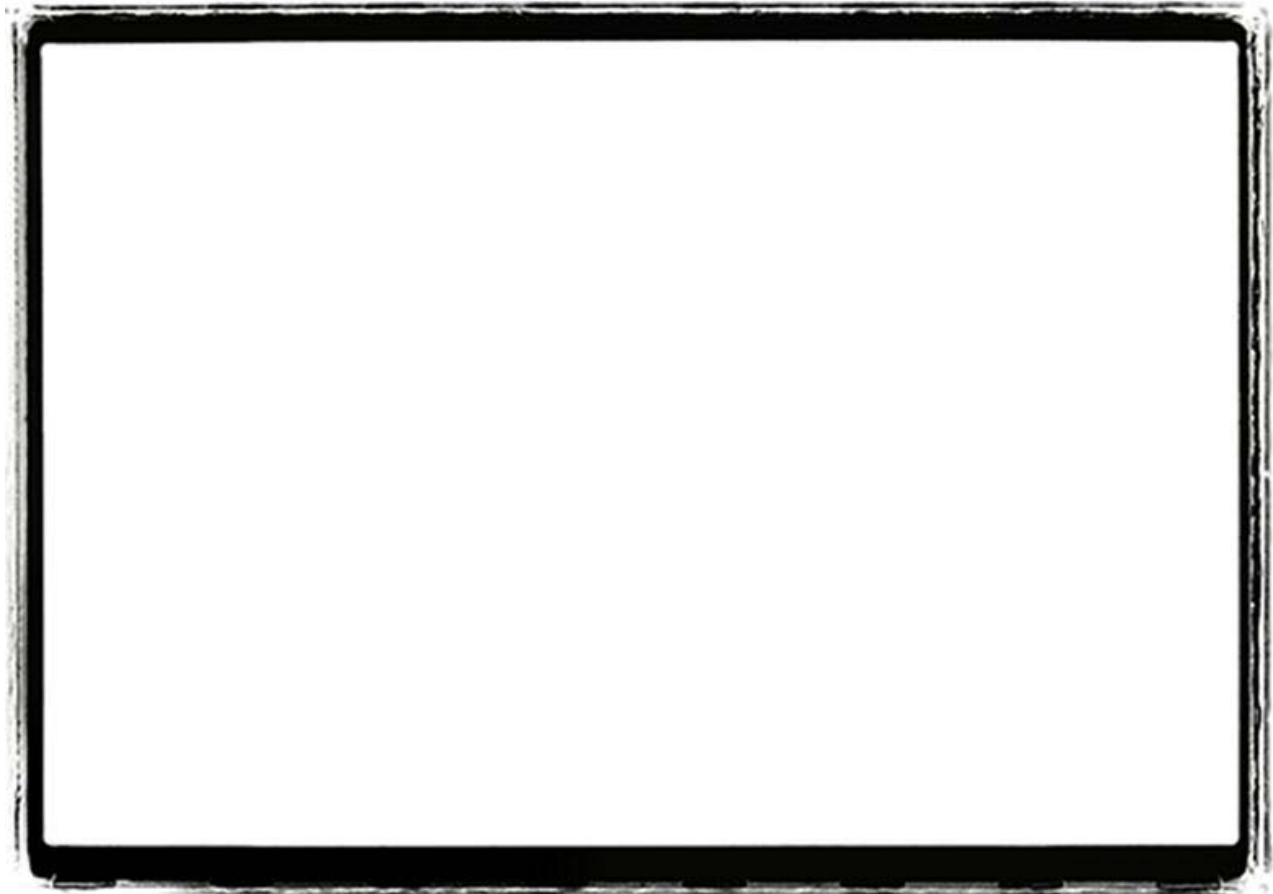


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## Avatars “Я” Us

An avatar is a computer-generated picture of a person. In *All American* artist Jacqueline Goss' video called *Stranger Comes to Town*, she interviews immigrants about their move to the USA, but hides their identities with an avatar taken from a computer game. Avatars are not realistic, but are usually creative, with unusual colors for hair and skin, unique clothing and patterns, wild hair and accessories.

### *What Would Your Avatar Look Like?*



## Online Creative Potential

Computer-generated imagery (CGI) and the Internet provide a wide array of possibilities. After drawing your avatar (above), try making one online at your home.

### **Full-Body Avatars:**

DoppelMe | <http://doppelme.com>

My Avatar Editor | <http://www.myavatareditor.com>

Yahoo Avatar | <http://avatars.yahoo.com>

### **Faces Only:**

Avatar Face Maker | <http://www.manga.com/content/avatar-face-maker>

Face Your Manga | <http://www.faceyourmanga.com>

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## Word Search

Can you find the last names of the artists in *All American* and some keywords associated with American history and culture? It's a challenge, as the words can go forwards, backwards, up and down.

### ARTISTS

BELTZ

BLEEM

COMPEAN

DETTMER

FUJITA

GOSS

GRIEGER

LICHTY

LINDER

MCNEIL

REYNOLDS

SLAUGH

SMITH

### KEYWORDS

APPLE PIE

BALD EAGLE

BASEBALL

CONSTITUTION

FLAG

LIBERTY BELL

LINCOLN

STARS AND

STRIPES

THANKSGIVING

WASHINGTON

I L I N D E R B S S E B U E N

N J A O T E G G W H U E L E N

A I H I B R H O A T I J U F H

L S I T H A N K S G I V I N G

E L A U G E E D H S Y F P R A

L L P T A Y Z R I A L J N L B

S E P I R T S D N A S R A T S

T B L T E H F R G R I E G E R

C Y E S Y C L D T I Z M G B L

M T P N N I O I O L H T S L S

S R I O O L R M N D I T L E H

H E E C L H L D P C O E I E A

O B A L D E A G L E O D N M B

A I G I S E I H G U A L S C S

L L A B E S A B E R P N N E M

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## All American Acrostic

By finding and looking at six artworks in the exhibition *All American*, you can fill in the blanks to answer these six questions. Then, use the number code to solve the riddle at the bottom of the page.

1. What is *Give Me* by Jerry Bleem made of?

7	4	9	1	19	7

2. Scott Greiger says it's the United States of what?

9	12	24	6	5	4	26

3. What garden tool did Tracy Linder cast in beeswax?

7	16	8	22	5	3

4. How many cousins are in Brad Slauch's painting?

2	8	21	10

5. What is one kind of paint Gajin Fujita used in *The Saints*?

9	11	10	26	3	6	11

6. Which artist (last name) created *Suburban Meditation*?

3	6	11	16	4	26

**Riddle:** What is historical author Val Saintsbury's favorite thing about the United States?

3	8	4	7

8	2

9	1	5	10	6	11	9	12	7	

8	12	5

9	1	5	10	6	11	9

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## Say Cheese!

Salt Lake City artist Brad Slaugh's paintings are often inspired by photographs. In *Cheese*, Slaugh was looking at a friend's first grade class picture. He looked very carefully at the photograph and tried to 'copy' it with a method called *blind contour drawing*, which focuses on eye-hand coordination. A *contour* is an outline of a figure, and *blind contour* means that the artist draws the outline without looking at his hand or paper. Brad focused on the outline of the people he was drawing instead of his paper, and let his hand do the work. (It's not easy, so faces and bodies usually end up a little distorted.)

In the picture frame below, you can make your own *blind contour drawing*. Choose a person or object to draw—or draw yourself by looking in a mirror.



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## Connecting the D...O...T...S...

Join these 80 dots and you'll find a shape two *All American* artists used in their artwork. Then find the two artists and list the names: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

