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## Banner Beginnings

**Directions:** Read the story below about how the American flag began. Fill in each blank with a noun or adjective that makes sense. Use clues from the sentences to help you decide which words fit best!

Long ago, during the fight for independence, the people of the thirteen \_\_\_\_\_ wanted a flag to represent their new \_\_\_\_\_. In 1777, the leaders decided on a design with red and white \_\_\_\_\_ and a blue \_\_\_\_\_ filled with shining white \_\_\_\_\_.

The red stripes stood for courage, and the white stripes stood for \_\_\_\_\_. The blue background symbolized \_\_\_\_\_ and strength. Many believe that Betsy Ross helped sew the first flag in her \_\_\_\_\_ shop, carefully stitching each piece by \_\_\_\_\_.

Over time, the flag changed as new \_\_\_\_\_ joined the Union. Each time, a new \_\_\_\_\_ was added to show how the country had grown. Today, our flag waves proudly as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom for all.