

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the concept of patriotism, recognize symbols of their country, and express their feelings about being a patriot through art and writing.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper (any color)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Glue and scissors
- Printed images of national symbols (like the flag, eagle, etc.) or simple sketches
- Notebook or journal for writing
- A comfortable space for working on art and writing

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with a few national symbols and their meanings, as well as some simple definitions of patriotism.

## Activities

- **Symbol Scavenger Hunt:** Go on a mini scavenger hunt around the house or yard to find items that represent your country (like a flag, a red, white, and blue item, etc.). Discuss what each item means and why it is important.
- **Patriotic Art Project:** Use the materials to create a piece of art that represents patriotism. This could be a drawing of the flag, a collage of national symbols, or a picture of something that makes you proud to be a citizen.
- **Patriotism Journal:** Write a few sentences in your notebook about what being a patriot means to you. You can also draw a picture to go along with your writing.

## Talking Points

- "Patriotism means loving your country and wanting to make it better."
- "What symbols do you think represent our country? Can you name a few?"
- "The flag is a symbol of our country. What colors do you see, and what do they mean?"
- "Why do you think people feel proud to be from our country? What makes you proud?"
- "Art is a great way to express how we feel. How can we show our love for our country through art?"
- "Writing down your thoughts helps us understand our feelings better. What do you want to say about being a patriot?"
- "Every person can be a patriot in their own way. What can you do to show your love for our country?"