

Lesson Plan 02

The Flag its meaning and importance **and** **The National Anthem, Pledge and Coat of Arms**

Age group: Years ...2-6..

Aims:

- a) To learn about the flag of Sierra Leone and it's meaning
- b) To learn that the flag is part of a plan to rebuild the peoples pride in their own country after the war. (see extension to lesson)

Resources:

Sheets with template of 2 flags (teacher to divide along dashed line for 2 copies)

Art straws

Glue

Coloured Crayons / Felt tips– green and blue

Scissors

Teacher Guidelines: Class discussion, questioning and help with the instructions. The small flag on the child's sheet and the real flag, if available, can be used to give the appropriate colours.

Explanation of the meaning of the colours.

Refer to Josephine Vincat's work sent to Brookhurst School 2003 for meaning of colours.

Extension work:

1. The National Anthem
2. The Pledge
3. The Coat of Arms

These are very important to Sierra Leoneans, especially as a means of reuniting the country after the war and trying to ensure that it does not happen again. The National Anthem and The Pledge are sung at school assembly by all children in every school, every morning!



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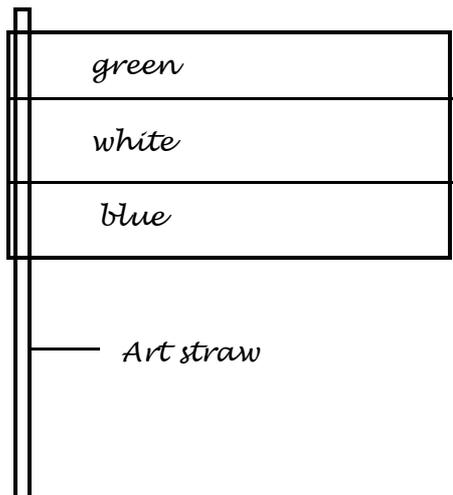
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The Flag of Sierra Leone

You have been given a pattern of the flag

1. Colour the bands Top - green (leafy)
 Middle - leave white
 Bottom - blue (cobalt)
- 2 Fold the shape carefully in two and open again.
- 3 Turn the pattern over and glue the back.
- 4 Place an Art straw on the glued fold line
- 5 Fold the pattern around the straw and press the shape together matching the corners.

Now if you have time can you explain the meaning of the colours?



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The National Anthem, Pledge and Coat of Arms

1. The National Anthem:

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Resources: Words of the National Anthems of both countries (first verse)

Music – formal and written for older children

www.countryreports.org (\$1.50 = £0.86 / 30 days)

www.vreug.com/sl.htm (Paul Vreugdenhl's site;

Sierra Leone/ Sierra Leone notebook):

The Sierra Leone [National Anthem](#) (in [Real Audio](#) )

LYRICS

High we exalt thee, realm of the free;
Great is the love we have for thee;
Firmly united ever we stand,
Singing thy praise, O native land.
We raise up our hearts and our voices on high,
The hills and the valleys re-echo our cry;
Blessing and peace be ever thine own,
Land that we love, our Sierra Leone.



God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!

Teacher Guidelines: Children to be given words and to join in the music appropriately..

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2. The Pledge:

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Resources: Photocopies of the pledge of both countries
Paper, coloured crayons / felt pens

Teacher Guidelines: Discussion of the meaning of the pledge and the words used.
Significance of having a pledge.
Similarities and differences.
Ask children to make up their own school pledge and design

Citizenship Ceremonies

Important changes have been made to the way that British citizenship is granted to people applying to register or naturalise. Under the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 successful applicants will be expected to attend citizenship ceremonies. The heart of the citizenship ceremony will involve prospective citizens making an oath/affirmation to Her Majesty the Queen and a pledge of loyalty to the United Kingdom after which a certificate will be presented. Citizenship ceremonies will take place at a designated venue in a local authority area. A website relating to citizenship ceremonies is www.uknationality.gov.uk

Oath/Affirmation of allegiance

I (name) swear by Almighty God / do solemnly and sincerely affirm that on becoming a British citizen, I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, her Heirs and Successors, according to law.

Pledge

I will give my loyalty to the United Kingdom and respect its rights and freedoms. I will uphold its democratic values. I will observe its laws faithfully and fulfil my duties and obligations as a British citizen.



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3. The Coat of Arms:

This is the Coat of Arms for the Republic of Sierra Leone. The name Sierra Leone was given by a Portuguese explorer in 1462. He thought the mountains he saw from the sea looked like a crouching lion and the thunder he heard was its roar.

SERA LOYA (in Portuguese) means LION MOUNTAINS, which became SIERRA LEONE.

Lions.

The colour of the lions is gold. Gold is a bright, durable, precious mineral that does not corrode or rust. These qualities make it a symbol of purity and excellence and also represents the mineral wealth of the country.

The symbol of unity is the lions supporting the palm trees. The support of the palm trees by the lions is a symbol of unity. They protect and hold the shield showing the need for bravery and courage.

Palm trees.

The colour of the palm trees is green and brown. They represent the agricultural wealth of the country. The lions support the palm trees showing they need to be supported to flourish and grow.

The shield.

The two blue wavy lines represent the ocean, the coastline and harbour.

The three flaming torches represent development through education.

The roaring lion indicates freedom for all.

The green background represents the rural environment, which is full of wealth.

The motto.

The motto on the emblem – UNITY FREEDOM JUSTICE – represents the values and aspirations of the nation.



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