**State Flags—***examples of symbolism*

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|  | | Diamond | Small but valuable (Delaware) |
|  | | The color BLUE | Loyalty and justice (Pennsylvania, Wyoming, and US Flag); Sky (Alaska, Wyoming)  Almost half of the state flags have a blue field. |
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| C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CI604Q7Y\Age-of-Navigation[1].png | | Ship | Commerce (Pennsylvania) |
| C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CI604Q7Y\wheat_PNG9[1].png | | Sheaf of Wheat | Agriculture (Pennsylvania) |
|  | | Liberty Cap | Liberty (New Jersey and others-originally a “Phrygian cap” given by Romans to freed slaves) |
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|  |  | The colors dark blue and buff | George Washington’s uniform (Delaware, New Jersey, New York) |
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|  | | Arrow pointing down | Peace (Massachusetts) |
|  | | Arrow pointing up | War (Michigan) |
| C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\M4F3CF58\scales-of-justice-logo[1].jpg | | Scales | Everyone should receive equal treatment under the law (New York) |
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|  | | Stars | Represent original colonies of the nation (Georgia, Ohio) or distinct geographical areas of the state (Tennessee), or number of states in the union when that state was admitted (Arkansas, Oregon, Nevada). One single star represents independence (Texas) |
| C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CI604Q7Y\Greek_Symbol_of_Truth[1].gif | | Torch | Enlightenment and Liberty (Indiana) |
|  | | Trees or flowers | Abundant in the state or symbolic of a story associated with the state (Mississippi, Ohio, Maine, Minnesota) |
| North Carolina | | Name of the State | To help outsiders identify the flag (Illinois, Wisconsin) |
|  | | Cloud | Difficulty (Missouri) |
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|  | | Crescent Moon | Small now, but full of potential (Missouri) |
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| C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\9B4XAYCB\harvestable-resources-rock[1].png | | Boulder | Strength (West Virginia) |
|  | | The color white | Purity and uprightness (Wyoming) |
|  | | The Color Red | Blood of the pioneers (Wyoming) |
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| C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\M4F3CF58\800px-Flag_of_Scotland_(navy_blue).svg[1].png C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\M4F3CF58\UK_union_flag[1].png  Scotland England  C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\M4F3CF58\Flag_of_Mexico[1].jpg C:\Users\Banner Elk Museum\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\M4F3CF58\flag-ireland-XL[1].jpg  Mexico Ireland | | Flags of Other Countries | Shows respect for countries whose people settled it as pioneers (Hawaii; Missouri, Iowa) |