

Haiti in My Heart

: A Flag Day Celebration for Kids



FUN FACTS:

- **The Big Day:** Every year on **May 18th**, Haitians all over the world celebrate **Haitian Flag Day**. It's a way to stay connected to their roots, share their beautiful culture, and show pride in their history.
- **A Symbol of Freedom:** The flag was created in 1803 to show the world that Haiti was finished with colonial rule. It was a revolutionary shout-out that the people were united and ready to fight for their freedom! This is why we celebrate Flag Day!
- **L'Union fait la Force:** Haiti's motto means that like a single thread, one person can be weak, but when we weave together like a strong cloth, we are unbreakable! That's unity! Just as the blue and red stripes are joined on the flag, Haitians stay strong by working together and helping one another.

What's on the Flag?



Part of the Flag	What It Means
Blue & Red	The people of Haiti joined together.
	Standing tall for Independence.
	The liberty cap on top is a symbol of Freedom.
	Strength
	"Unity Makes Strength"

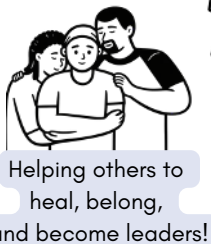


Meet Catherine Flon: *The Hero with a Needle!*

Haitian history tells us that **General Jean-Jacques Dessalines** created the first flag by taking a French flag and ripping out the white stripe to show Haiti was free, united, and no longer a colony. To complete this symbol of freedom, he brought the blue and red pieces to **Catherine Flon**, a Founding Mother of the Revolution.

She was a brave revolutionary and seamstress who sewed the two pieces together, designing the very first Haitian flag. Catherine was a hero who showed that even small acts—like sewing—can help change the world.

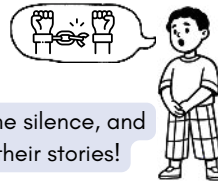
Today's Haitian Heroes are...🔍



Helping others to heal, belong, and become leaders!



Raising their voices for justice and **sovereignty***!



Breaking the silence, and sharing their stories!



Growing and sharing food!



Reflecting and exchanging ideas on power everywhere in their communities!



Teaching the next generation!



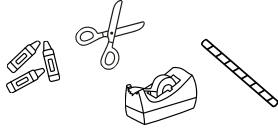
Working together to keep their neighborhoods safe!

* **Sovereignty** means Haitians choose their own leaders and laws without other countries interfering.

CRAFT: Make Your Own Flag!



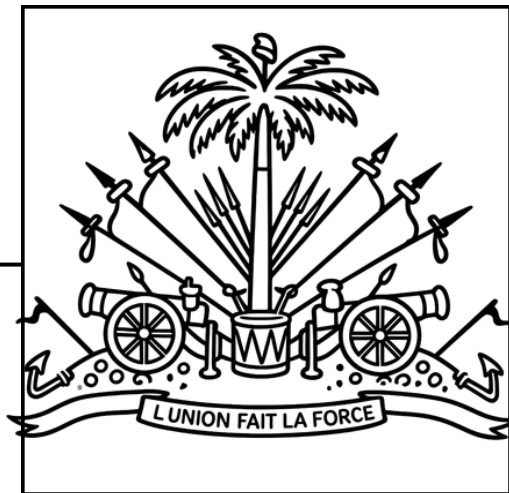
WHAT YOU NEED:



- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Safety scissors
- Tape (or glue)
- A stick (a popsicle stick, a straw, or even a pencil)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color the the top rectangle **BLUE**.
2. Color the Bottom rectangle **RED**.
3. Next, color the palm tree **GREEN** and the cannons **YELLOW**.
4. Cut the flag out along the dotted lines.
5. Flip your flag over and attach your stick to the left side.
6. Give your flag a wave and say, "*Bèl Drapo Mwen!*"
(My beautiful flag!)



SCAN ME



Haiti's national anthem is called **La Dessalinienne**, (named after Jean-Jacques Dessalines, the same leader who created the flag) It's a song of freedom!

Scan the code to hear the anthem and wave your flag to the beat.

Other Ways to Celebrate at Home:

TASTE: Cook and enjoy a Haitian meal together.

DANCE: Play Haitian Kompa or Rara music for a family dance party!

SHARE: Use your new flag to tell a friend about what you learned.

