



## Arizona Series

# Arizona Flag



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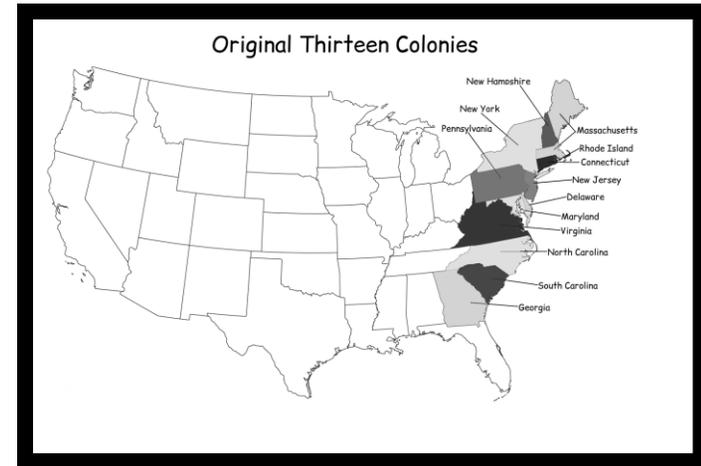
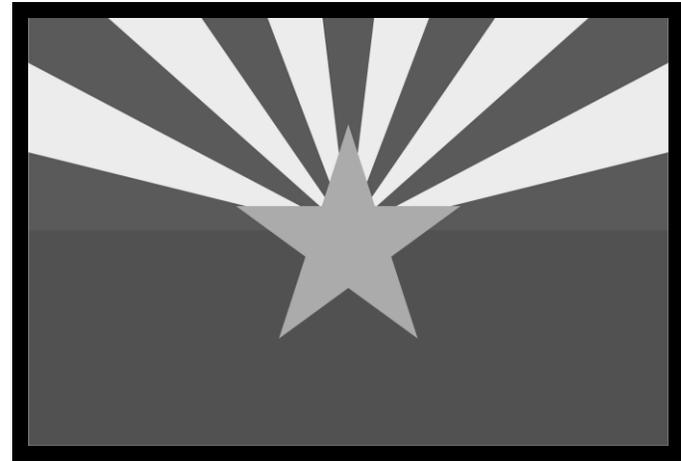


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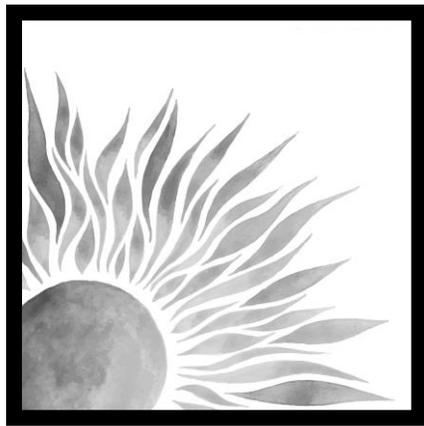
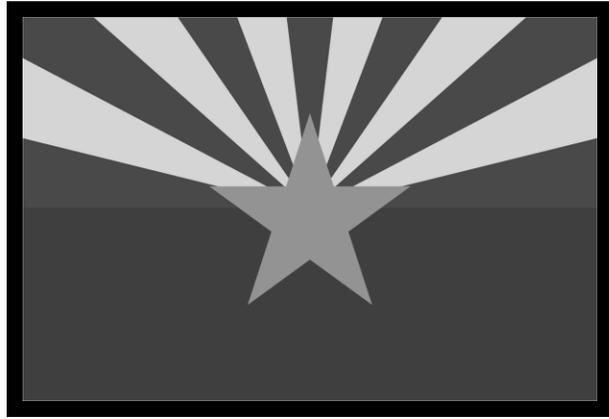


Arizona Capitol Building

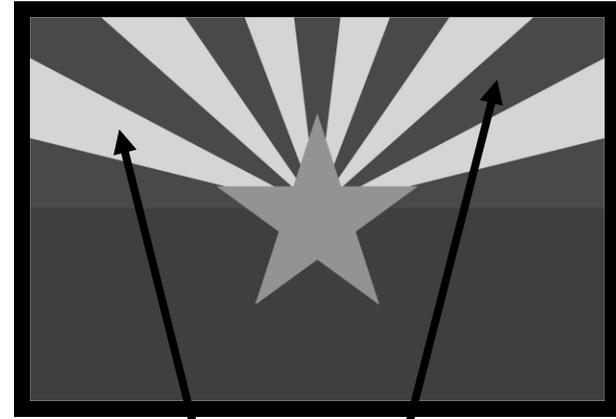
Every state has a **flag**. Arizona has a flag. You will see the flag in many places in Arizona.



The Arizona flag has 13 rays at the top of the flag. The flag has 13 rays because the U.S. had 13 colonies. The number 13 is a symbol.



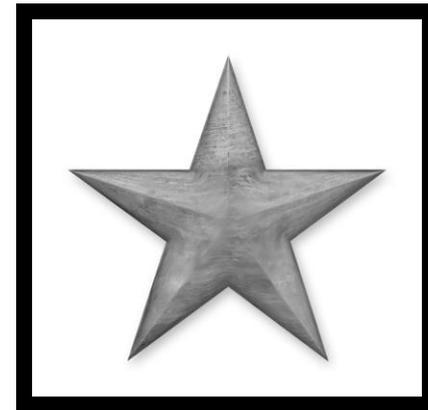
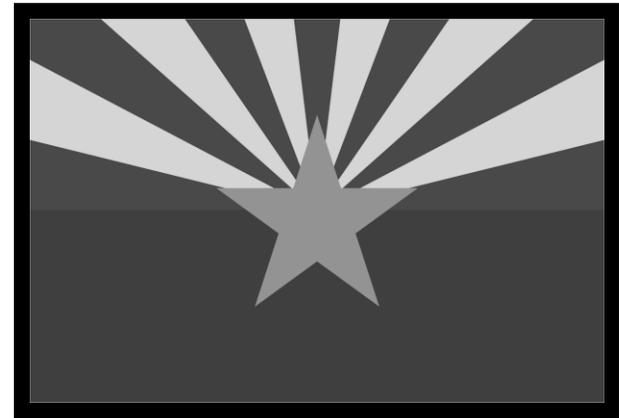
The flag has rays because Arizona has a lot of **sunshine**. The rays of sunshine are a symbol for the climate in Arizona.



The rays on the flag are red and yellow. That is because the Spanish flag is red and yellow. Red and yellow are symbols for **Spain**.



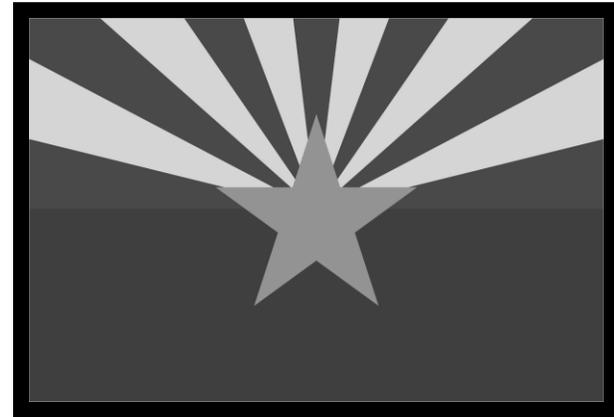
Arizona used to belong to Spain. The Spanish explorers were the first to go to Arizona. Francisco Coronado and his men explored Arizona long ago.



There is a **star** in the middle of the Arizona flag. It is the color of copper. The star is a symbol for copper. Arizona has a lot of copper.



Copper is a metal. Arizona has the largest copper mine in the United States. A lot of miners work in copper mines.



The bottom of the Arizona flag is blue. It has blue in it like the U.S. flag. The color blue is a symbol that Arizona is part of the U.S.



Everything means something on the flag. The **symbols** are things that are important to Arizona.



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