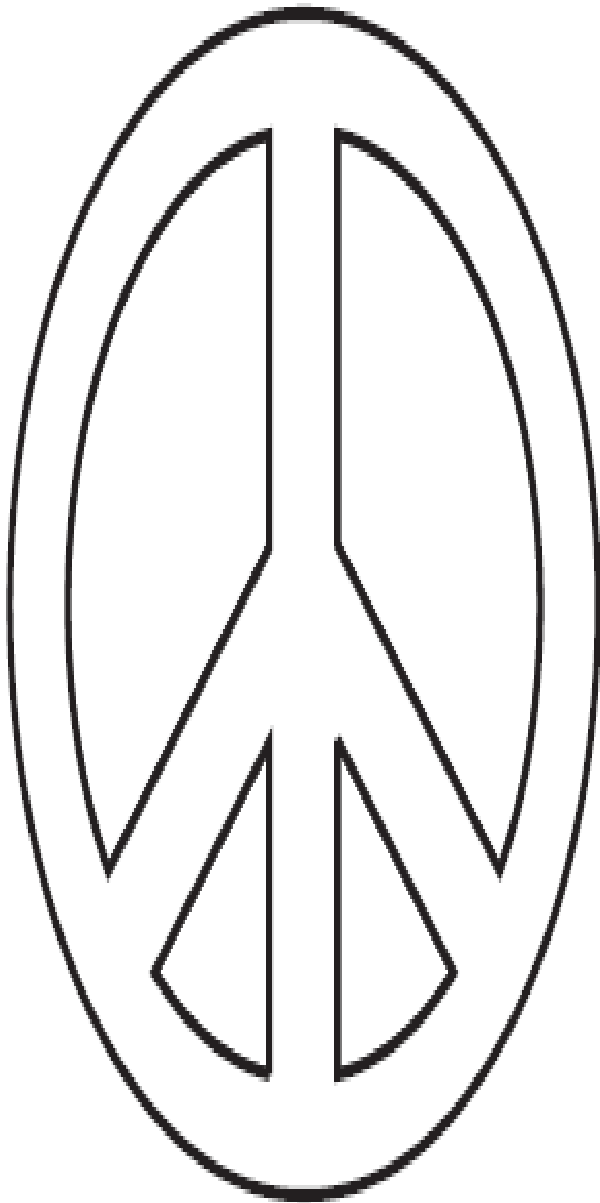
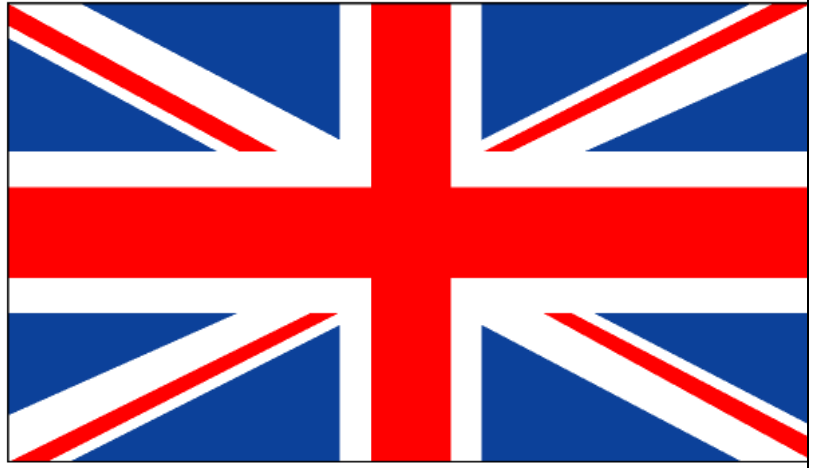


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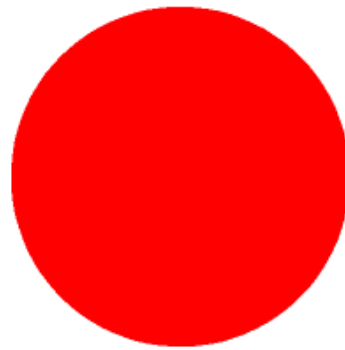
The Peace Sign was created from flag symbols that mean stop bombing. The lines in the center stand for letters that mean people should not make war.

# Greece



Ancient Greeks, from the past, believed that olive trees would protect people from harm. Long ago olive branches were given to leaders during war to end fighting.

# Japan



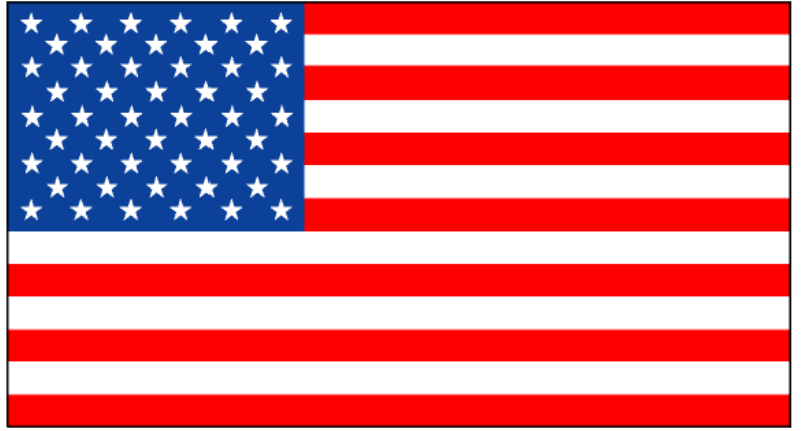
The paper crane means luck and peace in Japan. A girl in Japan decided to make 1,000 paper cranes. Her work inspired others to work for peace in the world.

# Russia



A Russian, named Nicholas Roerich, used the Banner of Peace as a peace sign. He said that all people should protect important pieces of artwork even when people are at war.

# United States



The V sign was created to celebrate the end of World War II. Americans started using it to mean an end to all war and peace for all people.