One day ships destined for Boston, loaded with taxed tea, showed their tall masts in the Bay. It was hoped that the agents of the East India Company would send the ships home, but they refused. After several days of excitement, fifty men disguised as Indians, boarded the ships, each with a hatchet in his hand.

Chests of tea were broken open and thrown into the Bay.

It was felt that the step was grave and eventful in the history of our Country, for if that tea was landed, it would be sold and used, and American liberty would become a by word upon the earth.

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COLONIAL FLAG

ENSIGN CARRIED BY NEW ENGLAND SHIPS 1686
Colonel Moultrie received an order on the 13th of September, 1775, from the Council of Safety for taking Fort Johnson on James Island, South Carolina, and a flag being thought necessary, Colonel Moultrie was requested by the Council to procure one, and had a large blue flag made, with a crescent in the dexter corner, to be uniform with the troops of the garrison, who were clothed in blue and wore silver crescents on the front of their caps, inscribed "Liberty or Death."

He said this was the first American Flag displayed in the South.
Some of our early American flags:

- Flag used at White Plains 1776
- Liberty or Death
- Conquer or Die
- Washington Life Guards
- Flag of Richmond Rifles
- Virginia Flag
- Continental striped flag
BUNKER HILL FLAG

USED BY NEW ENGLAND TROOPS 1775.
A month after the battle of Bunker Hill, on the 18th of July, Major-General Putnam assembled his Division on the height of Prospect Hill, to have read to it the Manifesto of Congress, signed by John Hancock, its President, and countersigned by Charles Thomas, its Secretary.

The reading was followed by a prayer suited to the occasion, and at the close of the prayer, at a signal from the General, the troops cried Amen. At the same instant the artillery of the Fort thundered a general salute, and the colors recently sent to General Putnam, bearing on one side the Connecticut motto, “Qui Transulit Sustinet,” and on the other the recognized motto of Massachusetts, “An Appeal to Heaven,” were unfurled.

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AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN

PINE TREE FLAG
OF THE NAVY
1775
The Massachusetts Council in April 1776, passed a series of resolutions, providing for the regulation of the sea service, among which was the following:

Resolved, that the uniform of the officers be green and white, and that they furnish themselves accordingly, and that the colors be a white flag with a green Pine tree, and the inscription, "An Appeal to Heaven."

**The Rattle Snake Flag**

On the 8th of February 1776, Colonel Gadsden, who was one of the Marine Committee, presented to Congress an elegant standard, such as is to be used by the Committee in Chief of the American Navy. The flag was yellow with a lively representation of a rattle snake in the middle, in the attitude of going to strike, and these words were underneath, "Do not tread on me."

Congress ordered that the said standard be carefully preserved and suspended in the Congress room.
First Union Flag
1776
Surrender of Rall at Trenton.
For the first time, the new striped flag was hoisted on the 1st or 2d of January, 1776. General Washington, writing to Joseph Reade on the 4th of January, says: "We are at length favored with the sight of His Majesty's most gracious speech, breathing sentiments of tenderness and compassion for his deluded American subjects." The speech I send you. Farcical enough, we gave great joy to them without knowing or intending it, on that day (the 2d), which gave being to our new army; but before the proclamation came to hand, we hoisted the Union flag in compliment to the United Colonies.

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It was on Saturday the 14th of June, 1777, that the following resolution was offered in the American Congress.

Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

This is the first and only legislative action of which there is any record for the establishment of a national flag for the Sovereign United States of America, declared independent July 4th, 1776, and proclaims the official birth of a new constellation of their Union.

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