

MEXICO FLAG FACTS



- The Mexican flag has a background of three vertical sections; green on the left, white in the middle, and red on the right side. In the center of the flag, in the white section, the Mexican coat of arms is displayed. The three colors of the vertical stripes were chosen following the war of Independence when Mexico gained its independence from Spain. Although today's flag was adopted in 1968, its design has been used since 1821. The Mexican coat of arms basic design has changed several times, but has always featured the eagle perched on a cactus, positioned on a rock above a lake. This design was inspired by an Aztec legend.
- The Mexican Coat of Arms is symbolic of an Aztec legend that the gods told the Aztecs that they should make their home where an eagle was perched on a cactus eating a serpent.
- There are two interpretations for the color choice of green, white, and red. One suggests that green stands for hope and victory; white for purity of ideals; red for blood shed by national heroes. The other suggests that green stands for independence; white stands for Roman Catholicism; red stands for union.
- The first Mexican flag was decreed by Augustin de Iturbide in 1821. It was first used in 1822.
- The flag songs in Mexico are "Juramento a la Bandera" and "Toque de Bandera"
- In Mexico, Flag day is celebrated each February 24th.

