**Lesson:**

1.) Students will read the story *“By the Dawn’s Early Light”* by Steven Kroll to learn about the history of the Star-Spangled Banner.

2.) Play a recording of the Star-Spangled Banner and have the students sing along if they know it.

3.) Look at the words to the Star-Spangled Banner and discuss each line as it relates back to the book they just read.

4.) Using pre-made sentence strips with the words to the song already on them, give each student a sentence strip and have them get themselves in order from the beginning of the song to the end.

5.) Then, have students cut up the sentence strips into pieces and try to put them back together again like a puzzle.

6.) Create a list of the qualities of America: freedom, passion, creativity, etc. Explain that America is like a puzzle too - each piece fits together to create a large picture. In art, this is called a mosaic. Show some examples of mosaics.

7.) Have students look through magazines to find images that represent the Qualities of America on their list. Cut out the images that work for each quality.

8.) Put the images together as if it was a puzzle of America.

**Flag Mosaic**

Students will cut their “puzzle of America” images into small pieces and place them into a flag mosaic. Create the template of an American flag on a large piece of paper. Have students cut their images into small pieces that they can then assemble into a new “American Flag” and when it’s finished, sing the Star-Spangled Banner.