

“OH, COULD THEY BUT SPEAK...”

The history and importance of Michigan’s Civil War Battle Flags

Personal Flag Assignment

Using the symbolism and mechanics that you have learned, as well as your creative juices, create a flag that will represent your life, dreams and/or ambitions. These flags:

- must at least 8”x11”.
- may be made out of paper, fabric, felt or any creative material you choose.
- should have a motto on them.

Take some time to think about what is important to you and what you might like to say to the class and the world. Be aware of the symbols and colors that you are using and choose these things according to your beliefs. These flags will be defined in your journals, and they will be displayed on the walls with pride.

Mottoes

Examples of Mottoes: Michigan Regimental and National flags from [The Flags of Michigan](#)

The Ladies of Ypsilanti to the 14th Michigan:

“We came not to war on opinions, but to suppress treason”

Kalamazoo to the 25th Michigan:

“This flag is given in faith that it will be carried where honor and duty leads”

Ionia to the 21st Michigan:

“Union” “Constitution”

Detroit to the 16th Michigan:

“Stand by the Union”

Monroe to the 7th Michigan

“Forlorn Hope”

Unknown Flags

“One country, One destiny”

“Do your duty”

Flint to the 4th Calvary

“We conquer in right”