



America 250 NC: County Flag Challenge Essay

Directions: Write a short essay (2-3 paragraphs) explaining why your flag represents your county. Include why you chose certain colors, images, symbols, or words. Make sure to write your answers in short paragraph form. **Include your name and school on your submission!**

I decided to put the squirrel symbol to represent all of our amazing animals and creatures that live and thrive in Chowan County. Did you know that Grey Squirrels don't hibernate? Such Fascinating Animals. Now the other symbols represent Chowan County a little bit more, so let's get started! The cannon I am focusing on is the Fannie Rouhlac. The Fannie Rouhlac is named after a woman who led Edenton Methodist Church, whose bell made that cannon. Now, let's go to one of the most historic artifacts of Chowan County, The Edenton Teapot. The Edenton Teapot commemorates the 1774 "Edenton Tea Party," America's first organized women's political protest. There were 50 women, led by Penelope Barker and signed resolutions boycotting British tea and cloth to support "No taxation without representation." To me that felt pretty special! From my research I read that The Barker House was the home of Penelope Barker. Penelope Barker was a loyal patriot of the American Revolution. Penelope Barker organized the famous

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Edenton Tea Party, the first recorded women's political demonstration in America. I learned that peanuts represent chowan county through their deep agricultural roots and historical connection to the peanut belt that ran across the albamarle Sound. Today, peanuts symbolize local economic drivers, with business on Peanut Drive and strong local farming traditions continuing to thrive in the region supported by the N.C. Peanut Growers Association. 1668/1669 represents the formation of Shaftesbury Precinct (later chowan Precinct) from the larger Albamarle County, marking the establishment of one of North Carolina's earliest governmental divisions by English settlers, precursor to Chowan County itself, named for the Chowan River and Chowanoc Indians. The colors yellow and red in the middle were just because I liked them. These are the reasons I put the symbols on my flag.