

America 250 NC: County Flag Challenge Submission

Directions: Design your own county flag for America 250 NC. As you create your design, think about what makes your county special and why you love living there. Get creative! Use as many colors, symbols, scenes, people, animals, food, and places as you want.

Include your name and school on your submission!



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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 chose to use the new Gaston County logo on my flag. For the first time since the 1960s, Gaston County is dropping the county seal and using a fresh new logo. I think this shows a positive shift for my county. The colors used are yellow gold for prosperity and industry, navy blue for authority and reliability, and teal for the rivers and communication. All these represent local strengths, history, nature, and stability. This symbolizes our county's progress while honoring its roots.

I chose to include 1846, because that's when Gaston County was founded. Our county was founded during the industrial boom of 1845-1848. I included Loray mill to remember our county's industry contributions. Loray mill opened in 1902 and was the largest single-building textile mill in the South. Gaston County was the centerpiece of textile processing in the South.

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