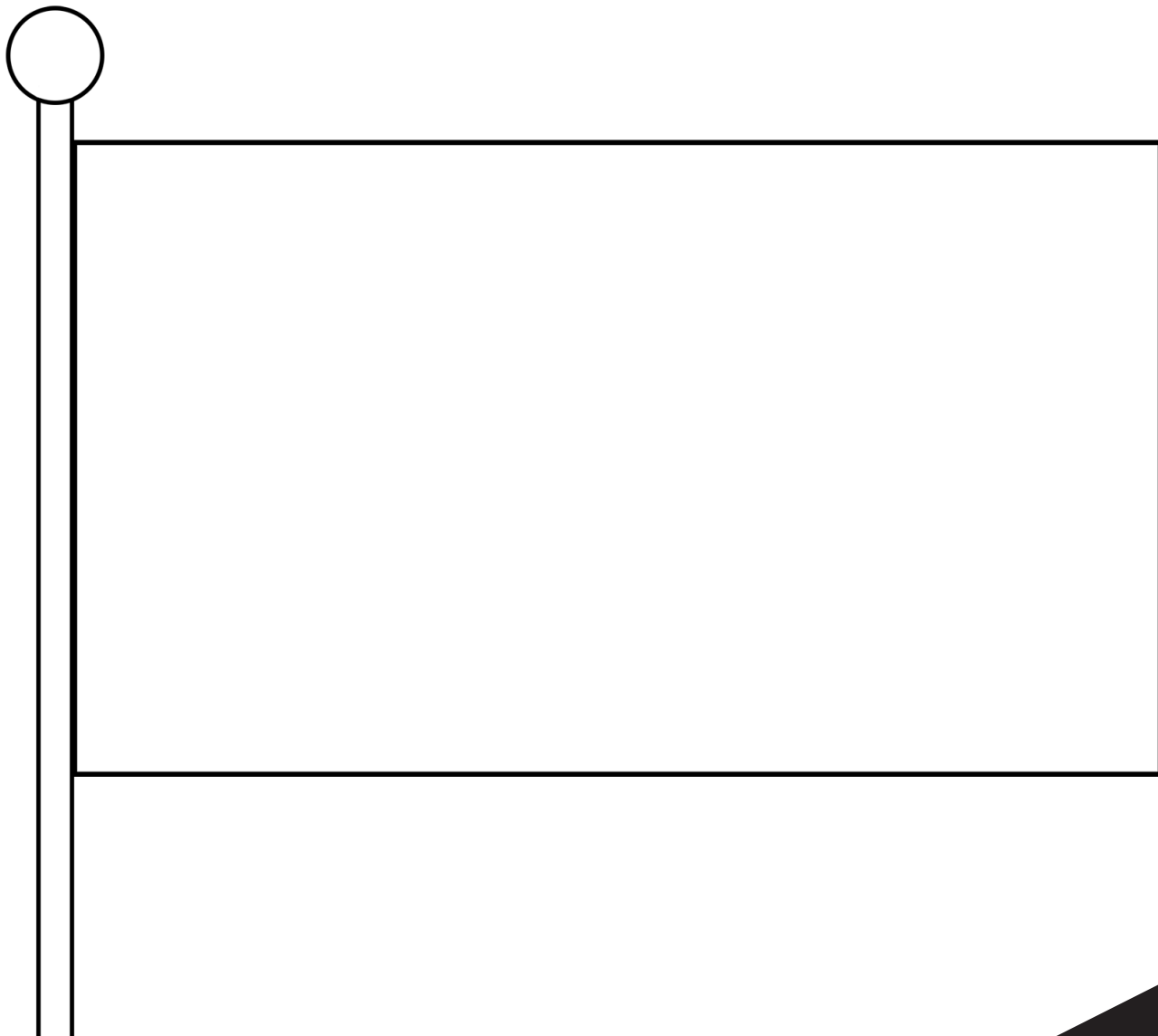


Great Flag Debate Colouring Sheet

Canada had two different official flags before the current maple leaf flag was adopted in 1965 — the Union Jack (1867-1945) and the Red Ensign (1945-1965). By the late 1950s, a large majority of Canadians approved of having a Canadian flag that was different from that of other countries. In 1963, Prime Minister Lester Pearson introduced the idea of a new flag, one that would represent the independence and unity of Canada. Over 2600 flag designs were sent in by people across the country and a committee narrowed them down to a select few, thus beginning the Great Flag Debate before the iconic red maple leaf was chosen.

How would you design a new flag to represent Canada? Use your imagination and creativity to create your own version of the Canadian flag and send it us at dief.centre@usask.ca so it can be displayed on our website!



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