

"Yes, ma'am," said Ashley. "Mr. Walker in the media center helped us find a really good picture of the Arkansas flag on the internet, and we made copies for everyone."

Ashley and Anna began to hand out big sheets of paper with a picture of the Arkansas flag on it. When they finished, Mrs. Ware said, "Very good. Now, let's compare this flag to the American flag. In what way are these two flags the same?"

"They are both red, white, and blue," said Juan.

"They both have white stars on them," said Connie.

"OK, now what are some of the differences? What's the biggest difference you see, Loc?"

"I guess the biggest difference I see is the sort of diamond design on the Arkansas flag."

"Do you know why that design is on the Arkansas flag?"

"It was put there to remind us that Arkansas has



the largest diamond mine in America."

"Now what about the stars? Let's see, I count twenty-five stars along the blue lines that make the diamond. What are they for, Connie?"

"That's to show that Arkansas was the twenty-fifth state to be admitted into the United States."

"Now let's look at the other stars," said Mrs. Ware. "Why does the flag have three stars down here, Henry?"