

## Ohio Flag Lecture

We direct your attention to the flag of the Great State of Ohio.

Its red, white and blue were borrowed from our national flag.  
The alternating red and white stripes represent our highways and rivers.  
The angles formed represent our hills and valleys.

The large blue field represents the great Northwest Territory of which Ohio was once a part.  
The thirteen stars on the left of the field represent the thirteen original colonies.  
The four stars on the right, that Ohio was the seventeenth state admitted to the Union.

In the center of the field is a large letter "O", the initial of the State of Ohio.  
The red center represents the "Buckeye," the nickname for the State of Ohio.  
It also represents the rising sun found on the Great Seal of the State of Ohio,  
the locale for which is found here in our own Fourth Division near the  
City of Chillicothe.