

NOTES 4. FOURTH GRADING LESSONS

UNITED NATIONS

United Nations - officially came into existence on October 24, 1945

- Coined by **Winston Churchill** and **Franklin D. Roosevelt** in the declaration by United Nation. This declaration was made to officially state the Cooperation of the allies (*Great Britain, the United States, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics*)
- Is an **intergovernmental organization** whose stated purposes are to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation and serve as a centre for harmonizing the actions of nation.
- It is the **world's largest international organization**.
- headquartered on international territory in New York City and has other main offices in Geneva, Nairobi, Vienna and The Hague Chrome to the International Court of Justice
- established after the World War II with the aim of preventing future world wars, succeeded the League of Nations which was characterized as ineffective.
- On April 25, 1945, 50 governments met in San Francisco for a conference and started drafting the UN Charter which was adopted on June 25, 1945 and took effect on October 24, 1945.
- UN's chief administrative officer is secretary-general **Antonio Guterres**.



The **emblem** on the flag is coloured white; it is a depiction of the world map in the azimuthal equidistant projection (centred on the North Pole), which is surrounded by a pair of olive branches. The emblem was officially adopted on 7 December 1946, and the flag containing the emblem was officially adopted on 20 October 1947.

The flag of the United Nations consists of the white emblem on the sky blue background. The emblem depicts a azimuthal equidistant projection of the world map, centred on the North Pole, with the globe being bisected in the centre by the Prime meridian and the International Date Line, thus ensuring that no country is at prominence within the flag. The projection of the map extends to 60 degrees' south latitude, and includes five concentric circles. The map is inscribed in a wreath consisting of crossed conventionalized branches of the olive tree.

The size of the emblem on the flag is one half the width of the flag itself. The flag proportions of the aspect ratio of the flag height to its width, are equal 2:3, 3:5 or to the same proportions as the national flag of any country in which the UN flag is flown. White and blue are the official colours of the United Nations. The light blue background colour code is Pantone Matching System 2925. It approximates sky blue.

The olive branches are a symbol for peace, and the world map represents all the people and the countries of the world.

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