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? Liberia's national flag is almost a carbon copy of the US with only one star instead of 50. The similarity is that Liberia was founded in 1847 by former American slaves.

? Saint Helena is a small Caribbean Island that's still a British colony. Still, they wanted a national anthem, so they hired an American named Dave Mitchel, who had never been to the island, to write the tune for them in 1975.

? Nepal is the only country with a non-quadrilateral national flag. It's the shape of two pennants, one on top of the other.

? The recognizable "Union Jack" flag of the United Kingdom is a combination of the flags of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Union Jack is Britain's de facto national flag.

? Most of the sub-Saharan African countries use a combination of yellow, green, red, and black in their flags. It's believed that this is due to Ethiopia being a model for newly independent African nations.

? The Greek national anthem, "Hymn to Freedom," is the longest national anthem in the length of text. It's a 158-stanza text based on an 1823 poem written by Dionysios Solomos.

? The "Nordic Flag" is the term used to describe the similar-looking flags of Norway, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland. The flag features a cross shifted toward the hoist (left).

? The lyrics for the "Star Spangled Banner" were written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, but the song didn't become the US's official national anthem until 1931.

? National flags evolved from military flags, which have existed for centuries. The Dutch flag and the British Union Jack emerged in the 1600s as the first true national flags.

? National anthems became common in Europe during the rise of nationalism in the 1800s. The "marching style" of many national

anthems is also indicative of that era.

? The tiny European nation of Andorra's national anthem, "The Great Charlemagne," is narrated from a first-person perspective. It's the only national anthem to do so.

? Green is a popular color in the flags of many Islamic countries. Green was the color of the Fatimid Dynasty and is the color of Paradise in the Quran.

? Canada didn't have an official national flag until it adopted the "Maple Leaf" flag on February 15, 1965. Before that the Canadian Red Ensign flag was the unofficial flag.

? Brazil's unique national flag features a globe with 27 stars, representing the nation's 26 states and the federal district. The position of the globe reflects the sky over Rio de Janeiro.

? The oldest national anthem is the Netherland's "Wilhelmus van Nassouwe," which dates back to at least 1572. The song didn't become the country's official national anthem until 1932.

? Red and gold were the traditional colors of most communist/Marxist states. This color scheme can be seen today in China's national flag.

? Italy's national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani," didn't become official until 2017. That may have something to do with the verse being more than a little unflattering toward Austria.

? The national flags of Australia and New Zealand both feature the Southern Cross constellation, but the stars on New Zealand's flag are red. Australia's flag also has the "Commonwealth Star."

? The flags of Switzerland and Vatican City are the only two national flags that are perfect squares. The rest are all rectangles with the exception of Nepal's flag.

? When Czechoslovakia became a country in 1918, the national anthem was half Czech opera and half Slovakian folk song. When the nation split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1993, both groups simply took their half of the song with them.

? Japan's national anthem, "Kimigayo," is the shortest in the world in the length of text. It's also probably the oldest, being based on an ancient Japanese poem.

? From 1977 until 2011, Libya's national flag was just a green field. It was the only national flag at that time that had just one color.