The Turkish flag is red with a vertical white crescent and white five-pointed star centered just outside the crescent opening. There are various interpretations of the Turkish flag, such as the crescent moon that is often a symbol of Islam. However, red has been a prominent color in Turkish flags throughout history, as has the star and crescent. The symbols can be linked to Islam, to pre-Islamic Turkey, to Diana the patron saint of Byzantium, to the Virgin Mary, to the Battle of Kosovo.