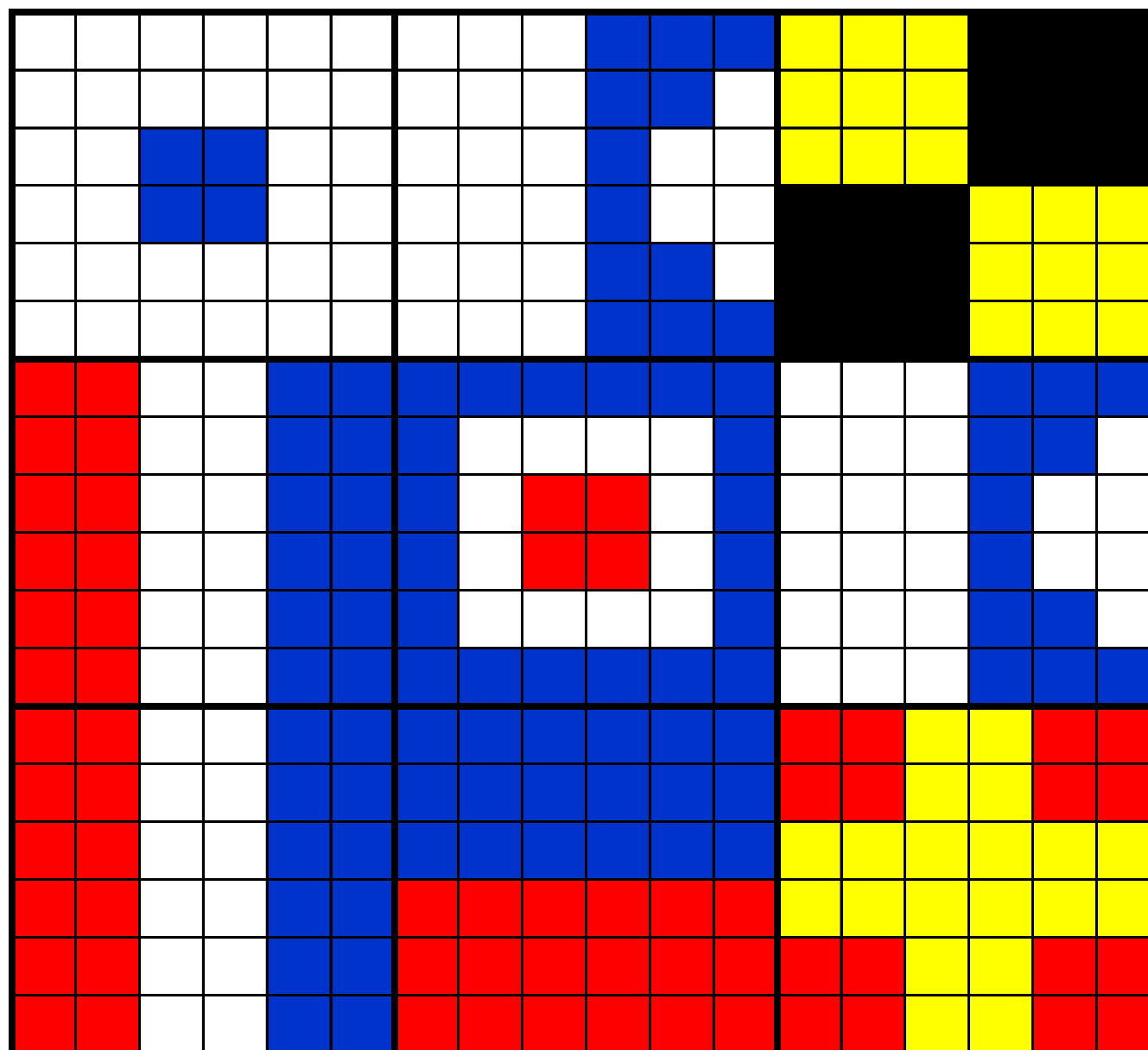


STRIKING COLORS (answer)

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The colors that head up each row and column indicate the colors used in that row, in order, but without listing how many times each color is used. Using logic similar to how the "paint by numbers" puzzles work, you can piece together what the image looks like.

While there is some ambiguity in what the designs can look like, the expectation is that after you get a portion of the design done, you'll recognize that if you divide the inner grid up into a 9x9 grid (with each square being a 6x6 grid of squares) that each of these grids form a picture of a standard nautical signal flag.

Translating the 9 signal flags into the letters gives you: **What is SALTWATER?**