

The American Flag

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The American flag is a banner of independence for each state in the country. It has changed over the years, but the meaning behind this national symbol stays the same. It shows that America is made of many states—but they are all united as one nation.



Today, the American flag has thirteen horizontal stripes. It also has fifty stars on a blue background. The stripes represent the original thirteen colonies. The stars are for the fifty states.

It didn't always have thirteen stripes. In 1776, the flag had thirteen stars. As new states were added to the nation, new stars were added to the flag. In 1959, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law that changed the flag to have fifty stars.

The flag is a national symbol that everyone should recognize it. Because of this, it is important to display it properly. This helps make sure that everyone respects the flag.

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On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. This day is known as Independence Day. In 1959, the stars were added to the flag. In 1959, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law that changed the flag to have fifty stars. The flag is a national symbol that everyone should recognize it. Because of this, it is important to display it properly. This helps make sure that everyone respects the flag.

When you hang up a flag, the stars should always be on your left. This is the rule whether you're hanging it from side-to-side or up-and-down.

Another common rule is to stand for the flag. It shows respect and love for your country to stand when the American flag is brought into a room. Many people also place their right hand over their heart.

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The Star-Spangled Banner is America's national anthem. One part of the song talks about the flag. It says, "Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

The writer of the song was in prison during the War for Independence. After a big battle, he looked out the prison window and saw the flag still waving. He knew the Americans had won the fight!

While the American flag is a symbol of independence for the states, it is also a symbol of freedom and respect for our flag and show love and

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1) What does the American flag symbolize?

2) Explain the design of the flag in your own words, making a special mention of the reason for the growing number of stars.

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3) What makes the

4) What rules ought to be followed when playing any game, and why?

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- 5) "Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" Interpret and explain the meaning of this line.

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1) What does the American flag symbolize?

It symbolizes the spirit of independence, liberty and unity among the states that constitute America.

2) Explain the design of the flag in your own words, making a special mention of the reason for the growing number of stars.

The American flag has thirteen stars for the first thirteen colonies, and fifty stars for the fifty states of America. Hoop stars. As new states were added to the flag. The last star was added in 1959.

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3) What makes the American flag a symbol of the world?

The fact that the American flag is recognized by people all over the world as a symbol.

4) What rules ought to be followed when displaying the flag, and why?

The stars should always be on our left, when hanging the flag from side-to-side or up-and-down. We should stand for the flag and we may also place our right hand over our heart, when the flag is displayed. It is important to do so, to express respect and love for the flag as much as for the country.

- 5) "Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" Interpret and explain the meaning of this line.

Answers may vary.

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