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What is the American flag?

The American flag is a symbol of the United States. It has red and white stripes and white stars on a blue field.

The flag is flown over schools, parks, and buildings like the White House. You can see the flag on soldiers' uniforms, postage stamps, and other places.



What does the American flag symbolize?

The flag has 13 red and white stripes. These stand for the 13 colonies that became the United States of America.

The left corner of the flag has a blue field with 50 white stars. These stars stand for the 50 states.



Why is the American flag important?

The American flag is a symbol of the United States. For many people, it stands for freedom and equality.

People salute the flag to honor these ideas.



When was the American flag made a symbol?

The American flag was made a symbol of the United States on June 14, 1777. This was during the American Revolution.

June 14 is now a holiday called Flag Day. Some towns hold parades on Flag Day.



Did you know?

The look of the American flag has changed more than 20 times over the years.

When a new state is added to the United States, a star is added to the flag.



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