

What the Flag Means to Me

The flag of the United States of America is absolutely beautiful. The different colors on the flag, red, white, and blue, complement each other in all the right ways. The stars and stripes pulling everything together. They don't just look pretty, but they mean something, not just the original meaning of, "13 stripes for the 13 original colonies" and "50 stars for our 50 united states". I think they stand for much more. Each part of the flag has such a unique meaning to me, and together they create the flag of our amazing country.

The Stripes

White Stripes

The white stripes are more hopeful, but just as important as the red. They symbolize the rising up after these horrible events that happen, such as 9/11. They are a clean slate: a new start and beginning. After the events of 9/11, we used this. We woke up as a country and realized we weren't so perfect and powerful. We had to rethink our actions and attitude as a country. These stripes also represent the freedom as a country we give, with a price, the red stripes.

Red Stripes

The red stripes, to me, are a symbol of all the hard work our country does to stay united and free. It represents the blood of the fallen and wounded men and women fighting for our country. It represents the bad times our country has dealt with like 9/11/2001 or even the Great Depression and many other incidents. It shows the fight we put in as a country to be the best we can. To me, this is the symbolism of the red stripes on our flag.

These stripes represent way more than just the 13 original colonies, they make up the very explanation of our country and its people. It makes everything whole. It makes up the majority of our showing how important our blood and hope are to the overall country. They are our red and white stripes.

The Stars and Background

White Stars

The white stars are not only each state represented on the flag, but the part they play and much more. They are a bright white color, showing the bright future of our country as a whole. And with all 50 being this bright white color, it shows they all play a part. They are all also the same exact size and shape, showing they are all equal in the part they play. Without the individual part of each state, we wouldn't be the United States we know and love today.

Blue Background

The dark navy blue background behind the stars symbolizes power. The power of our country and our forces that serve to protect us. To come back up more powerful than before. The power of us taking action against the ones who try to take it away. The power we have against the other countries is greater than any other country. That is only possible because of these terrorist attacks. When these happen, we look at ourselves and get an attitude check. We needed them, no matter how much pain was caused. The attacks make us come together as a country and become stronger together.

All of the flag parts are very important. They help create the overall view of our country, how others think of us, and much, much more. Without the stripes, we would have no symbolism of the fighting we put up or the hope we have for the present and future of our country. Without the stars, we wouldn't be representing the part each state has in the outcome of our country. Without the navy blue background behind the stars, others wouldn't know how powerful we are all together and individually. These parts represent way more than just our country, but the people inside of it and the attitude we have after 9/11 and will keep.