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WHAT DOES THE FLAG MEAN TO ME

A lot of people say the flag is just a metaphor. Without the metaphors the flag would just be a simple cloth dyed red, white, and blue. I believe the flag is more than just simple metaphor. I believe the flag is hope to people around the world.

Without the hope that the flag symbolizes, my mom wouldn't be here. America gave her hope and a safe haven from the communism of her country. America's symbol gave her hope for a better life and all of the freedoms a democracy can offer. America with its symbolic flag gives hope to immigrants from all parts of the world. The flag and its meanings inspire me to have hope and spread its message and goals to all.

When my mother lived in Vietnam it was very challenging for her to live there. In Vietnam you don't have the freedoms you get here because she lived under a communist government. The flag represents her hope to come to America and have a better life. My mom left Vietnam at the age of 19. When my mom was immigrating to America she had to stay in the Philippines at a relocation camp. When she finally got to America, it was very hard to live here at first because there weren't a lot of people she could communicate with because speaking English was very difficult for her. After she learned to speak English she had a good life and job. I'm glad she was able to immigrate here.

When there is a disaster in the world people look to the horizon and look for the American flag to comfort there heavy hearts. For example, Haiti, the people in Haiti have suffered severe catastrophes such as the earthquake on Tuesday January 12th 2010. We helped the people of Haiti by sending them medical help, food, and Americans to help find the missing people. Whenever people need help we Americans are ready and prepared to help people in need.

The flag of the United States of America inspires us to be better people, and represents all the effort our founding fathers had to put into our country to make it a better place for its people. I am proud to be an American and am thankful for the opportunities I was given thanks to my mother's bravery and the people who helped inspire. I will always defend the liberty of my country.