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What the Flag Means to Me

Today, the American flag has thirteen red and white stripes and fifty stars for each of the states. The American flag means many things to me. The flag symbolizes bravery, freedom, pride, honor and hope. It is these things that make America the great place it is today.

The American flag is a symbol of bravery for many people. Every American on foreign soil looks to the flag and is reminded of home and the country they are fighting for. It makes me happy that Americans can look at our flag and think something positive. The soldiers have a very dangerous job. For them to be able to look at the red, white, and blue flag is really something special. Anyone who wishes to call America their home can. They can believe that there is a better or happier place for them to be, our flag enables them to do this because it's a symbol of our nation. The American flag offers comfort when and where people need it.

Our flag also represents freedom. When fighting for our countries freedom, we had things in mind. We wanted everyone to be free, without judgement, without punishment. When we finally got our freedom we decided to have the flag as our national symbol, it united us all. Now, because so many brave men fought for my freedom I can walk around with my face showing. I have the freedom to wear whatever I want. The flag represents the freedom America supplies us.

Americans take pride in our flag because it represents our background as both individuals and a whole country. To an average person like me the flag means that you love and take pride in the country you're in. As a whole, it represents everyone who has lost their lives. It represents the wars. It represents the journey.

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Whenever America gets hurt we use our flag. We use our flag to show that we don't back down, that we are stronger after what happened. For example, September 11, 2001, the twin towers went down. Amongst all the rubble, there was an American flag. We were hopeful that we would rebuild to be better and stronger. We did. An example when we use the flag as a symbol of honor is when a soldier or veteran dies. We drape the American flag over their casket and honor them by carrying them to their final resting place. The American flag symbolizes hope and honor.

The American flag means many things to many different people. So what does the American flag mean to me? It means that even through everything our country still has something to unite us all. The flag symbolizes pride, freedom, bravery, hope and honor. Whether it's hung on a pole or draped over a casket, the American flag symbolizes everything people have fought and worked for to make America the country it is today.