

*"If we didn't have so many faults of our own,
would we still take pride
in noticing those of others?"*
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What the flag means to me. . .

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From the first stitch of the American Flag, the nation knew it would be our symbol of hope, freedom, courage, and unity for centuries to come. This red, white, and blue masterpiece, created by Betsy Ross, has stood strong through wars, devastation, hardships, and in the happiest of times.

Every television set was turned on and eyes glued to the screen when Neil Armstrong took that American flag and put it on the moon. Some cried, some laughed with joy and happiness, and others smiled as though they were standing there beside him putting that flag on the moon. That day wasn't about claiming our territory or being the first to do something. It was about the pride, courage, liberty, and justice that our entire country felt.

Our nation watched in disbelief on September 11, 2001 as our country's greatest landmarks fell to the ground. The efforts and determination of the firemen, police, doctors, and volunteers helping to clean-up after the disaster shows the pride and admiration for which the American Flag stands. Patriotic measures were reached when bodies from under the rubble of what was the World Trade Center were found. The American flag was draped over each one as they were carried out, showing how much everyone loved and came together to fight for one nation, despite all of our differences. "For one nation, under God" is a line from our pledge of Allegiance.

As the World Trade Center fell to the ground, a priest rushed in to save the souls of the people knowing his life was in danger. When his body was found a single American flag was draped over him and the firemen took him to his chapel and laid him on the altar. Moments later those same firefighters placed the American flag on top of the rubble. That picture was in every magazine, newspaper, and on every television.

These people are the real heroes, not some sports star that so many people look up to. Our firefighters and police are the real heroes of our nation. They stand tall, and hold their heads high in respect for our country. They live up to the saying, "I'm proud to be an American."

Those fifty stars, and thirteen stripes of the flag represents a bond between every state in the United States; together we have the saying, "United We Stand." Now more than ever the patriotic songs of the American flag our blasted over the radio, on television, and even on posters; songs such as "America the Beautiful" and "I'm proud to be an American." Words of the "Star Spangled Banner" never really meant too much to me, but now they mean so much more and I know that by the dawn's early light, our flag will be standing tall for all the world to see.

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The United States flag was officially adopted in June 1777. To have our own flag showed our independence and freedom from England. The look of the flag has changed twenty-seven times over the years, but the values for which it stands are still the same. Every state has its own flag, but every state has, also, the one United States flag that combines all states and makes us hold together. The flag stands for the one Nation and the Republic. It is symbolizing unity and strength through times of peace and war. But to everyone in the U.S.A. it means more;

something special and different. We can identify ourselves with the flag, it is part of us and we can be proud of it. Especially in times like this, when our liberty is in danger, our flag takes a special and important place in our lives. Now we have to hold together more than ever and stay united in order to be strong and indivisible against terrorism.

When I first came to the United States I was surprised that almost every house had a flag, because that is different from Germany. You will never forget that you are in the U.S.A., because there are flags every-

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where. In Germany no one would ever have the idea to hang the German flag outside their house. This has to do with Germany's past, and so somebody, who has a flag outside, would be seen as a Nazi. I have never been really proud of my native country; I was rather sometimes ashamed to be a German. But by now, I feel pretty much at home in the United States and accordingly, to everything that happened in the last few weeks, I'm glad to be an "American". The United States flag means freedom and unity to me, but now that security is riding on the edge.