

What the American Flag Means to Me

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The American flag is a beautiful symbol of our country. When I see the flag, I think of so many things it represents. The most important is freedom that we have in this country. As a young lady, I am very lucky to live in a country with such freedom. I am allowed to go to school and practice my religion freely. When I am old enough, I will be allowed to vote, attend college, and even buy my own home! In some countries, girls are not free to do these things because they are not equal to boys. In America, everyone is equal. Our flag represents equality.

To me our flag represents the compassion of Americans to people and countries who are less fortunate. The flag welcomes citizens from all over the world to our country. It represents how different people can live here and share the same freedoms. Our soldiers fight in other countries to defend what the flag stands for. They help people in other nations. My grandfather told me that when soldiers arrive in another country, they plant an American flag in the soil to symbolize freedom and justice. So, our flag is displayed in other countries. There is even an American flag on the surface of the moon!

I am very happy to be marching in the Flag Day Parade. I sometimes carry the flag for my Girl Scout Troop when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, but this will be a different experience for me. I feel this will be a good opportunity to pay tribute to the people who died for our country. By marching with my classmates, I can thank the people who lost their lives so that I can be free. Our flag represents freedom. To me, the flag is what makes me proud to be an American.