

Patriot's Pen Essay

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I honor the American flag because it is a symbol of freedom and bravery. It also unites us as a country. When I see the American flag I think of all the brave soldiers who fought for us. I think of all the challenges that our country has faced, and how we found strength and courage to overcome them. Our flag is A LOT more than stars and stripes. It is a symbol that represents our country's past. All of our failures and triumphs are represented in the flag.

In addition, the American flag unites us. At every single NBA basketball game soldiers spread the flag across the court, and someone sings the national anthem. Every single morning the entire school says the pledge of allegiance. Thousands of people take off their caps and put their right hand over their chests as a sign of honor and respect. In 2016 the Warriors played the Cavs (huge rivalry) in game seven. The fans from each team REALLY despised each other, but when the national anthem began to play, and the soldiers unrolled the huge flag the entire crowd stood side by side as one to honor the flag. I believe that the flag is a symbol to represent our accomplishments and failures and it unites our country.

The flag represents our past. For example the stripes represent the 13 colonies. The stars represent each state. The colors are also symbolic. The red represents bravery and courage. The white represents innocence. The blue represents justice and perseverance.

I think that our flag is very important, but really, our actions and choices define our country. The flag serves as a symbol to remind us of the way that we want to act. We get to determine our own actions, and the American flag (and everything that it represents) inspires us to make the right ones. I take a lot pride in our country and flag.