

The American Flag

The flag of the United States of America is known throughout the world. It was originally adopted on June 14, 1777, containing 13 stripes and 13 stars. The stripes represented the 13 colonies and the stars represented the 13 states. The current US flag is similar in that it has 13 stripes, but it now has 50 stars to represent the 50 states. The colors of the flag are red, white, and blue.

There are several rules that Americans remember when taking care of the US flag. The flag is only displayed from dawn to dusk, unless it is illuminated by a spotlight at night. When 2 or more flags are flown on the same pole, the American flag is flown on top. Lastly, the flag should never touch the ground or the floor.

1.) The current flag of the United States of America has _____ stars.

13

50

25

2.) What are the colors of the American flag? Name all three.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3.) What do the stripes on the flag represent?

The President

the original colonies

the states

4.) Which of the following is *not* a rule regarding the American flag?

the flag is flown from dawn to dusk

the flag shouldn't touch the ground

the flag isn't flown on Saturdays

Think About It:

- Can you recite all of the words to The Pledge of Allegiance?
- Do you think the American Flag will ever have more than 50 stars?

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