

US Patriotic Symbols



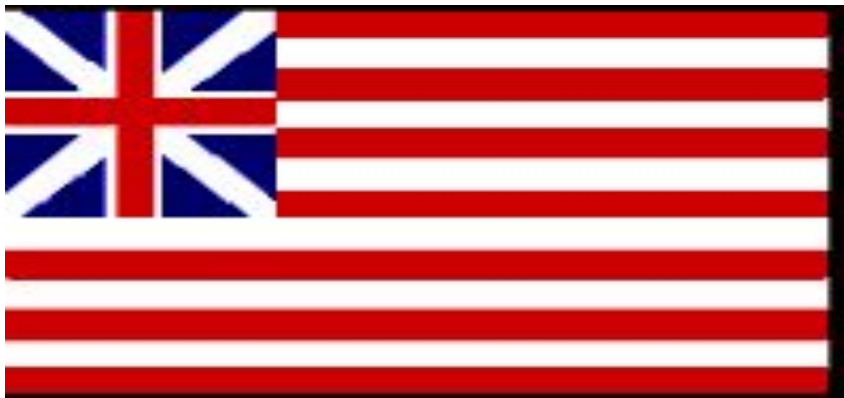
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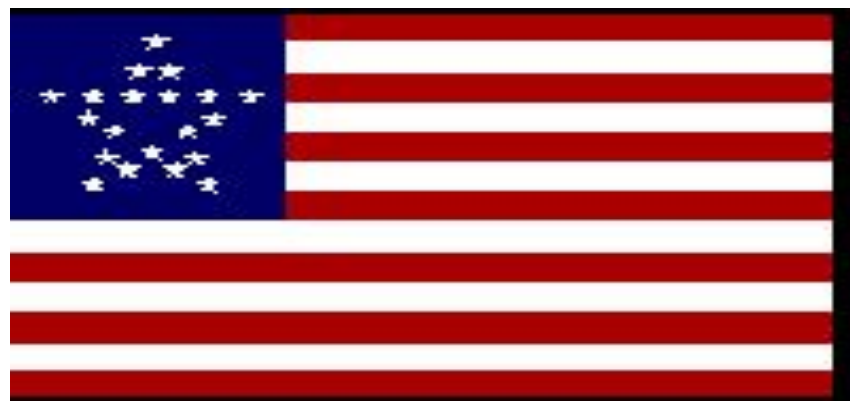
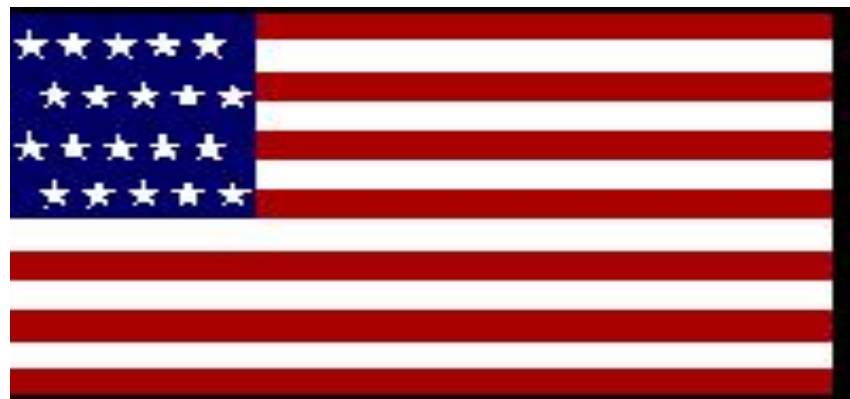
FLAG QUIZ

1. Who cut the American flag into pieces and was honoured for doing this?
2. Is it ever appropriate to fly the flag upside down?
3. What is done with worn or outdated flags?
4. Francis Scott Key wrote the words to “The Star-Spangled Banner” on the back of an envelope. What is the source of music to it?
5. What is vexillology?

American Flag?



American Flag?





<http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flags.html>

“Stars and Stripes”



- The United States flag today. The 50th star was added on July 4, 1960 for Hawaii, which entered the Union on August 21, 1959.

More Flags



- September 11 — The Flag from the World Trade towers survives and becomes a symbol of sacrifice in service, loss, and determination.



- Proposed flag with 51 stars, to be used if a 51st state is added.





The Pledge of Allegiance


- I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.**


Flag facts

- <http://teacherweb.com/NY/Victor/ZolloFlagDay/h0.aspx>
- 1.Flag Day is June 14. It is a day to honor the American flag.
- 2.The flag has three colors: red, white and blue. Red is for courage. White is for purity. Blue is for loyalty.

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- 3. There are 50 stars on the flag to represent each state of the United States. 4. There are 13 red and white stripes. The stripes represent the 13 original colonies who create the United States in 1776. 5. No one is sure who made the first "Stars and Stripes." Most people think it was a woman named Betsy Ross, who was acquainted with George Washington.

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- The first official national flag, also known as the **Stars and Stripes, or Old Glory**, was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The stars were placed in a circle so that no one colony would be viewed above another. It is reported that George Washington said, "Let the 13 stars in a circle stand as a new constellation in the heavens."

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- 6. Show respect for the flag:
 - Never let the flag touch the floor or the ground. Fly the flag only in the daytime. Keep the flag clean.
 - Do not use the flag to cover a table or for clothing. Fold the flag carefully when you put it away.

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- 7. Fly the flag on these national holidays:
Memorial Day Flag Day Independence Day
Armed Forces Day Veterans Day Washington's
Birthday Lincoln's Birthday
 - 8. When an important American government
official dies, the President of the United States
can order the flag to be flown "at half mast"
(halfway up the pole).
 - 9. The flag upside down means distress or
danger.

Flag Folding



- <http://www.usflag.org/foldflag.html>
- Step 1
- To properly fold the Flag, begin by holding it waist-high with another person so that its surface is parallel to the ground.

Step 2



- Fold the lower half of the stripe section lengthwise **over** the field of stars, holding the bottom and top edges securely.

Step 3



- Fold the flag **again** lengthwise with the blue field on the **outside**.

Step 4



- Make a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to meet the open (top) edge of the flag.

Step 5



- Turn the outer (end) point inward, parallel to the open edge, to form a second triangle.

Step 6



- The triangular folding is continued until the entire length of the flag is folded in this manner.

Step 7



- When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible.

Coat-of-arms (June 20, 1782)



- The thirteen alternating pales represent the states, supporting and united by Congress, represented by the blue chief.
- The colors signify purity and innocence (white), valor- доблесть (red), and vigilance (бдительность), justice (blue).
- The olive branch and arrows represent the powers of war and peace.
- The constellation represents a new state taking its place among other sovereign powers.
- The eagle as sole supporter signifies that the United States "ought to rely on their own virtue –(добродетель, достоинство).“
- The motto is translated, "Out of many, one."

The Seal



- The latin motto *E Pluribus Unum* translates to "Out of Many, One" in reference to the many states making one nation. The olive branch in the eagle's right claw symbolises peace; there are 13 leaves and 13 olive berries on the branch, symbolizing the 13 original British colonies. Likewise, in the eagle's left claw are 13 arrows symbolizing the power for war. The 13 stars above the eagle and the 13 red and white stripes on the shield also symbolise the original 13 British colonies.

Anthem

The Star Spangled Banner

- O, say! can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight
O're the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there
O say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O're the land of the free and the home of the brave?

By Francis Scott Key - September, 20, 1814

Congress proclaimed it the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

Who wrote the music to the anthem?

- Francis Scott Key penned the words to our national anthem while watching the British naval attack on Baltimore's Fort McHenry in the War of 1812. Key turned them into a poem, "The Defense of Fort McHenry." which he published in 1814.
- It was Key's brother-in-law, Judge Joseph H. Nicholson, who married the poem's words to the the tune of a popular **English drinking song** ("To Anacreon in Heaven") to produce "The Star Spangled Banner." The English drinking song was written in 1780 by **John Stafford Smith**.
- Fittingly, it was the US Navy that was the first arm of the United States to adopt the song as its own, in 1869. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson began to use it for official government business, and in 1931 President Herbert Hoover signed into law the resolution by which "The Star Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1NR2K-gazo>

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK7xF1RGCQY&feature=related>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AtSlwjqvK4&feature=related>

Motto



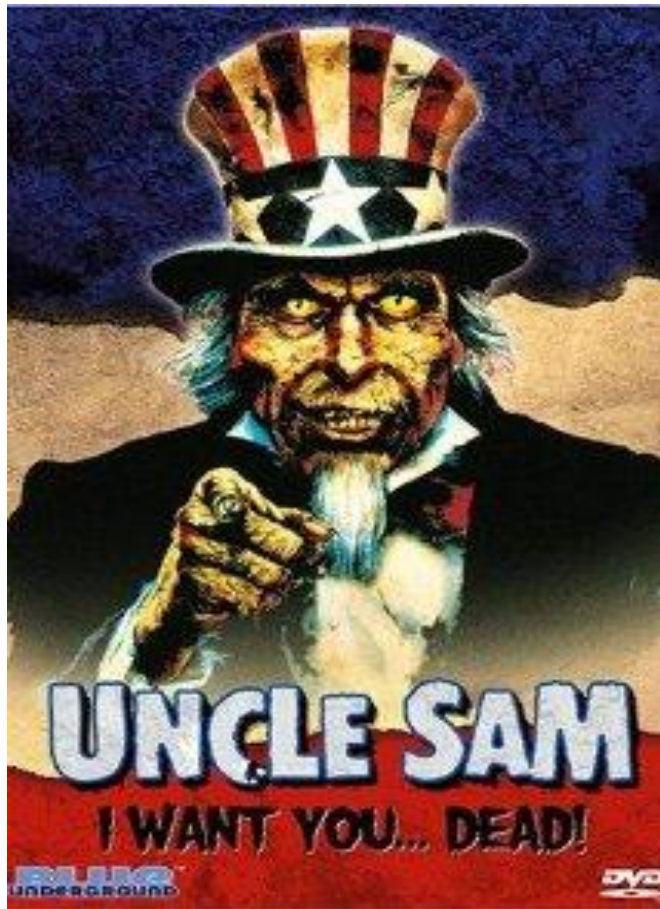
- IN GOD WE TRUST was first used on paper money in 1957, when it appeared on the one-dollar silver certificate. The first paper currency bearing the motto entered circulation on October 1, 1957.

Uncle Sam



- <http://www.sonofthesouth.net/uncle-sam/>

Uncle Sam, 1997



- Desert Storm vet who was killed in combat rises from the grave on July Fourth, to kill the unpatriotic citizens of his hometown, after some teens burn an American flag over his burial site.