



STARS — OF — FREEDOM



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What does it mean to be proud?



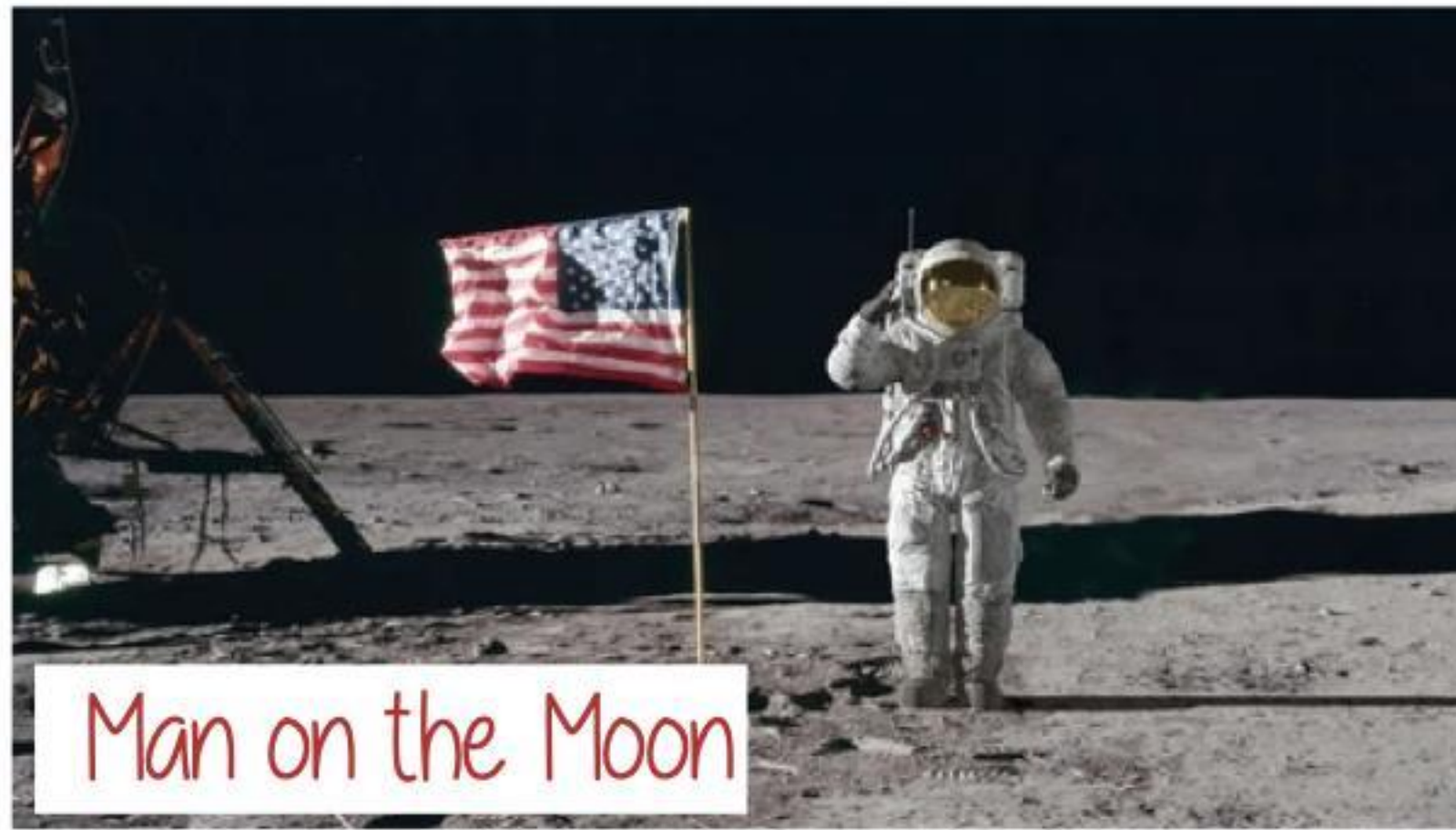
When have you felt proud?



Iwo Jima

PATRIOTISM

Pride in one's country



Man on the Moon



National Anthem



9/11



Olympics



Pledge of Allegiance

PATRIOTISM

Pride in one's country



Veterans Day

Willingness to protect national values



4th of July



Flag Day

Sense of unity with others
Community service



Positive civic engagement



What freedoms do we enjoy in the USA?

Speech • Religion • Assembly • Press • Petition the Government • Voting • Education

How do we get those freedoms?

Constitution & Bill of Rights • democratic form of government •
military protection and enforcement



What does it mean to sacrifice for your country?



How has the U.S. military been used to protect and secure our freedoms?



How might soldiers and veterans feel about their service in the U.S. military?



The U.S. flag is a symbol of the freedoms, values, history, and unity of our country.



The blue portion of the flag is called the "union."



each state

Justice

Purity

Valor



Get it? THE STARS ARE
WITHIN THE UNION . . . THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

The first American flag was made when the United States first became a country, in 1776.

That was 250 years ago!

Which is why America is starting to celebrate our semiquincentennial!

**Say it together:
semi·quin·cen·ten·nial**

YOU
SEW, GIRL!



Betsy Ross may have sewn the first American flag after George Washington showed her a sketch and asked if she could sew it.



When the **United States** became a country in 1776, the first flag had 13 stars and 13 stripes.

WHY?

Our country was made up of 13 **colonies** ruled by the king of Great Britain.

* A colony is when people create a new settlement in a faraway land.

However, the Americans did not want to be ruled by a faraway king and declared their **independence** from Great Britain, turning the colonies into "states."



This 1st flag was made official by Congress on June 14, 1777.

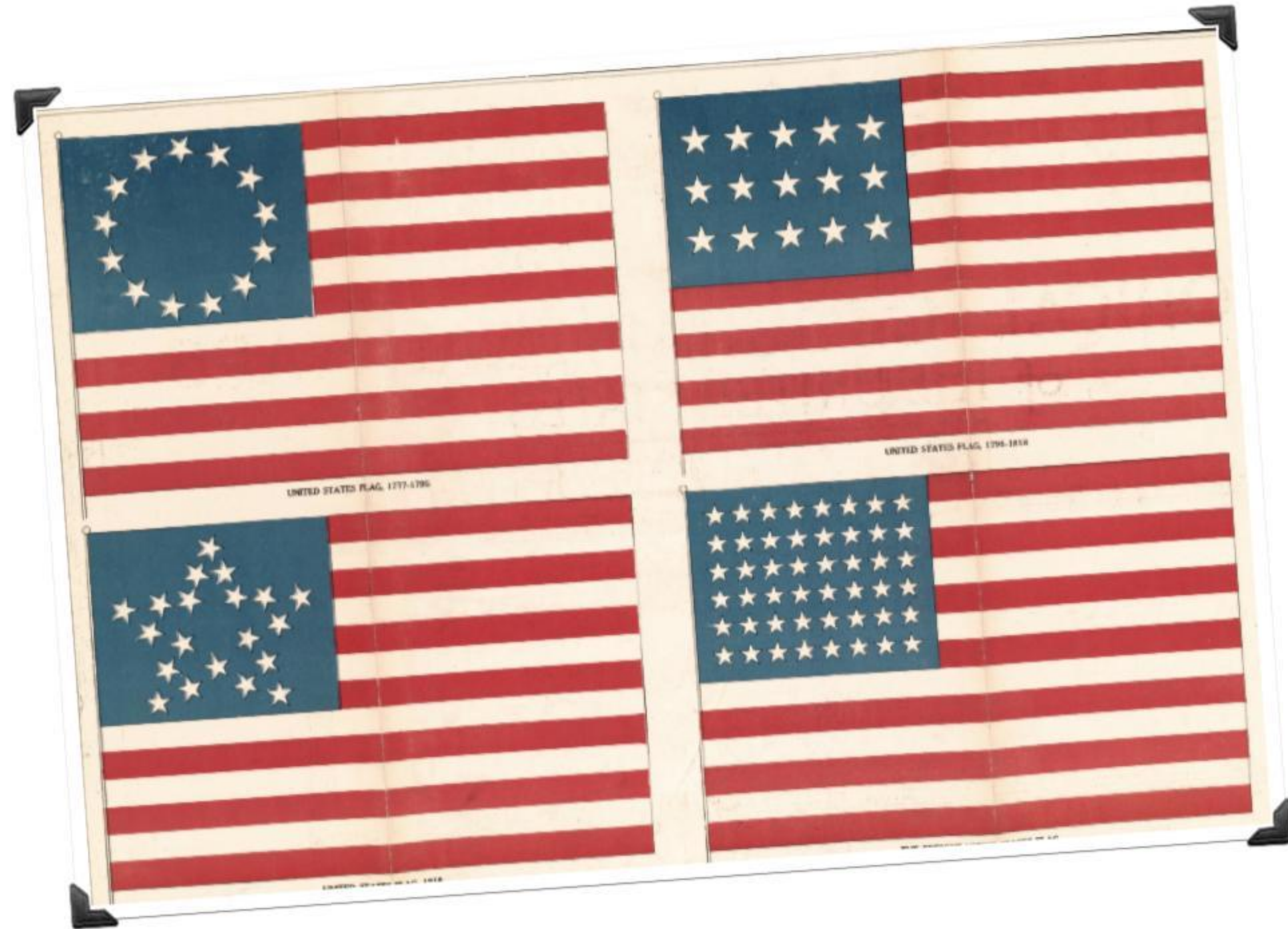
In 1885, a teacher (Mr. Cigrand) held the first unofficial Flag Day observance at his school.

He kept advocating the need for a national day to honor the flag, and in 1916, President Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14th as Flag Day.

In 1949, President Truman made it an official law and annual celebration. All U.S. government buildings are to display a flag on this day, and U.S. citizens are encouraged to do so as well.

Since then, there have been 27 *official* American flags!

WHY so many?



Every time a new state is added to our country, another star must be added.

The 13 stripes must stay the same, but the arrangement of the stars can change.

There have also been several more *non-official* commemorative flags created to celebrate different events.

Let's look at some of America's flags.

1795



- Our 2nd flag, in 1795, had 15 stars and 15 stripes.

1818



In 1818, Congress decided to return to the 13 stripes as it also added five more stars, bringing the total to ____?

This flag's stars were sometimes arranged to form a star, giving it the nickname, the "Great Star Flag."

1851



- This 31-star flag was created in 1851. Until 1912, flag makers could arrange the stars however they wanted.

1861

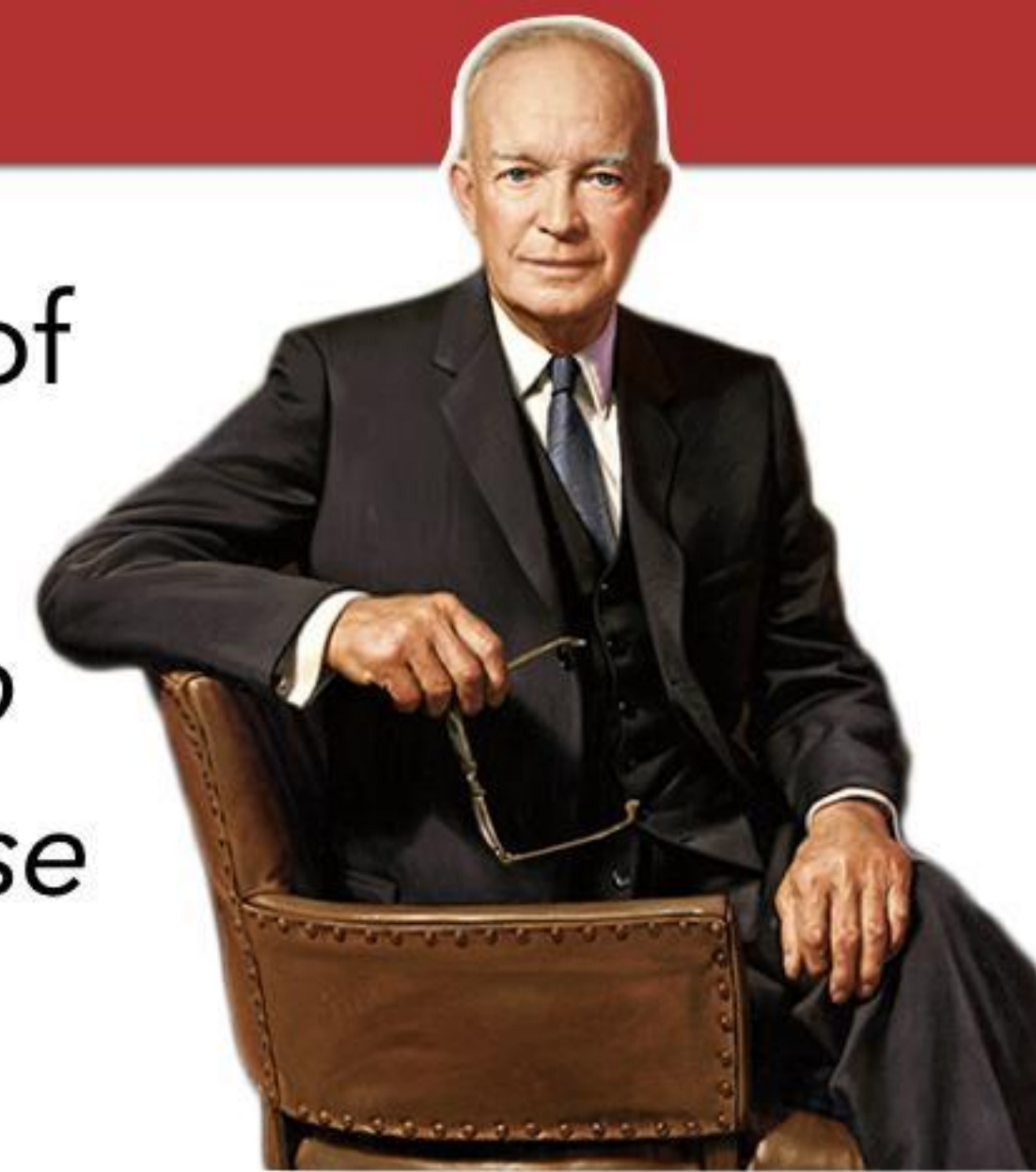


This 34 star flag was created in 1861, when Kansas was added as the 34th state.

Abraham Lincoln was our President in 1861, the year Kansas was added as a state. This is a photo of Abe preparing to lift this new 34 star flag.

BUCKLE UP FOR SOME FUN
COINCIDENCES AHEAD.
OR ARE they ...?

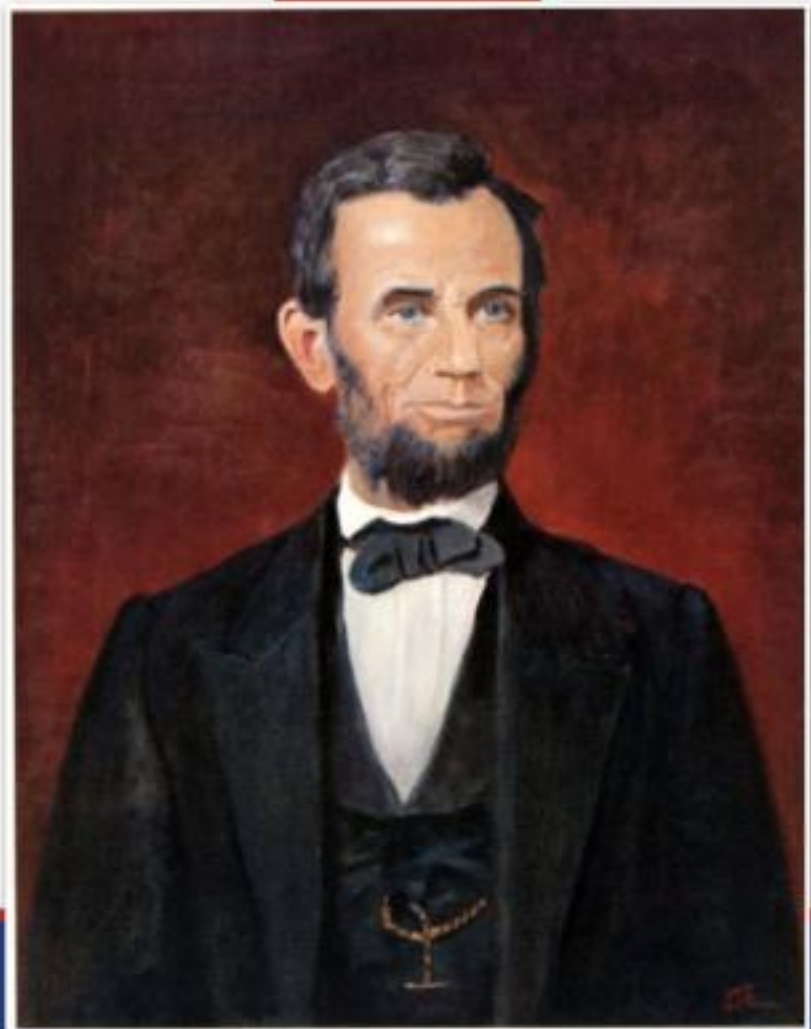




Ike

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower ("Ike") was the **34th** President of the U.S. and was from Abilene, Kansas, the **34th** State!
- *Ike idolized President Abraham Lincoln ("Abe") for his leadership and character. His grandparents must have felt the same, because Ike's uncle was named Abraham Lincoln Eisenhower!*
- Also, Ike's boyhood home was next door to his elementary school, which was named ... Abraham Lincoln Elementary!

Abe



Today, there are schools named after Dwight D. Eisenhower all over the country.

Ike painted as a hobby during his adult years. He painted this portrait of Abe.



THE LINCOLN SCHOOL.—PHOTO BY PENNELL.



More about Ike

President Dwight D. Eisenhower ("Ike"). was the 34th President of the United States and played a big role in the flag we see today.

When Ike took office, America had 48 states. In 1949, during his presidency, Hawaii and Alaska were added separately as states. What do you think needed to happen to the flag?

Yes, it needed to be updated twice to reflect our country's new states. First, to show we had 49 stars and then again to show we had 50 states.

Ike is the only President to serve under three different American flags.



The U.S. had a 48-star flag from July 4, 1912, to July 3, 1959. It remained the official flag through both World War I and World War II.



The U.S. 49-star flag was officially adopted on July 4, 1959, following the admission of Alaska as a state.



On July 3, 1960, Hawaii was admitted to the U.S. The 50-star flag on July 4, 1960, and remains the flag of our country today.



from *President Eisenhower's First Inaugural Address*
January 20, 1953



We must be ready to dare all for our country. For history does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid. We must acquire proficiency in defense and display stamina in purpose.

We must be willing, individually and as a Nation, to accept whatever sacrifices may be required of us. A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

... Patriotism means equipped forces and a prepared citizenry. ... Love of liberty means the guarding of every resource that makes freedom possible--from the sanctity of our families and the wealth of our soil to the genius of our scientists.

And so each citizen plays an indispensable role. The productivity of our heads, our hands, and our hearts is the source of all the strength we can command, for both the enrichment of our lives and the winning of the peace.

No person, no home, no community can be beyond the reach of this call. We are summoned to act in wisdom and in conscience, to work with industry, to teach with persuasion, to preach with conviction, to weigh our every deed with care and with compassion. For this truth must be clear before us: whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.



Flag Etiquette

Etiquette = Similar to “manners,” the code of polite behavior among members of a particular culture or group.

Flag Laws

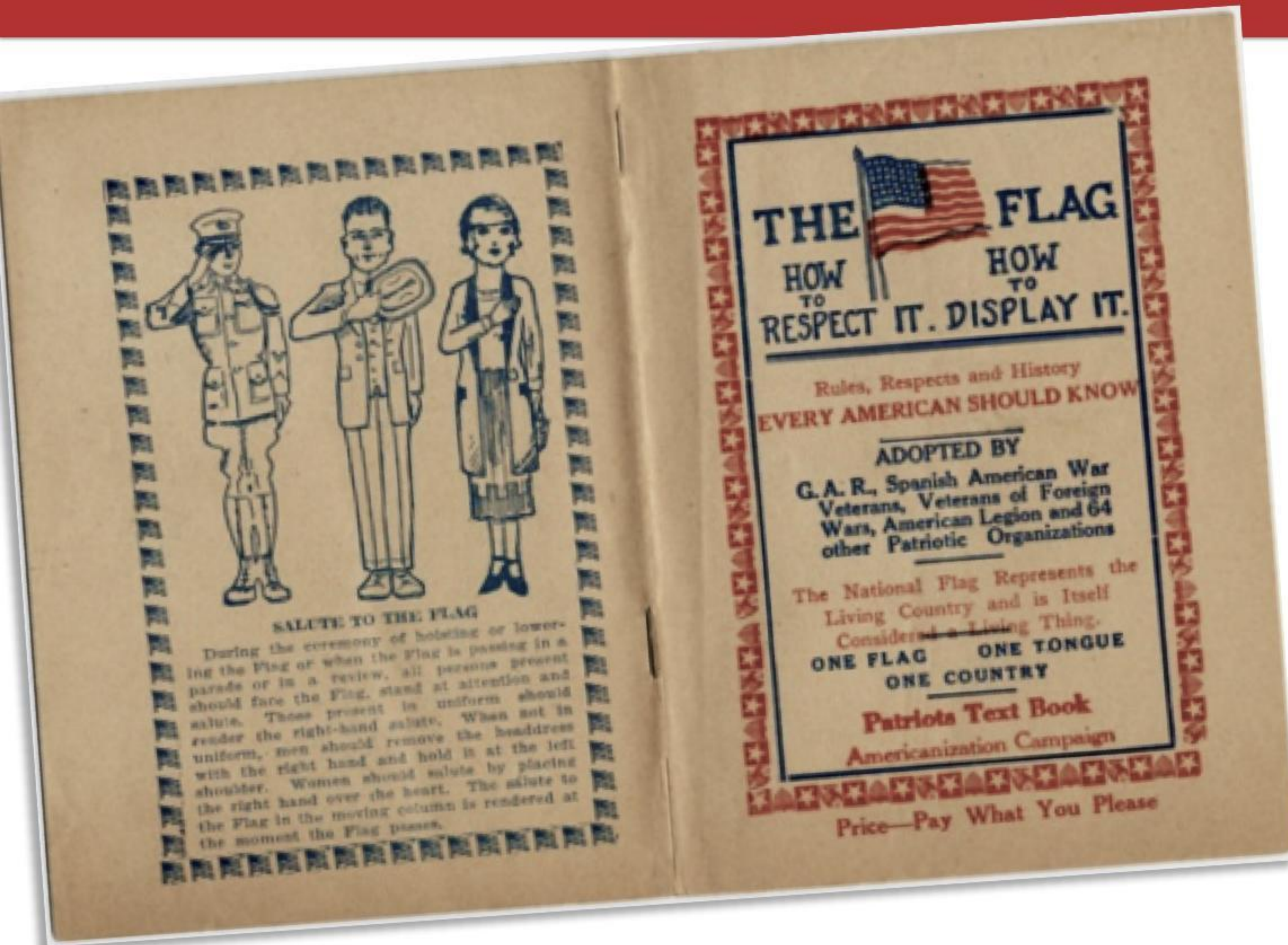
Laws = a system of rules which a country or group recognizes to regulate the actions of its members and may be enforced by penalties.

Flag Day!

On June 14, 1923, the U.S. Flag Code was published.

- A set of rules for civilian flag use
- Adopted by Congress in 1942
- Disrespectful uses of the flag
- Official rules on proper conduct during flag ceremonies, flag display, and flag maintenance.

Today, the U.S. Flag Code is purely advisory etiquette



Above is a **Patriots Text Book**. In the 1920s, teaching respect for the flag was considered an essential part of the process of assimilating immigrants into American citizens.

What do you think people should do or not do to show respect for the flag?



U.S. Flag Code

THIS INFORMATION IS FROM TITLE 4 OF THE [U.S. Code](https://uscode.house.gov/download/download.shtml); <https://uscode.house.gov/download/download.shtml>

United States Flag Code

The laws relating to the flag of the United States of America are found in detail in the United States Code. Title 4, Chapter 1 pertains to the flag; Title 18, Chapter 33, Section 700 regards criminal penalties for flag desecration; Title 36, Chapter 3 pertains to patriotic customs and observances. These laws were supplemented by Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1 — The Flag

§1. Flag; stripes and stars on

The flag of the United States shall be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; and the union of the flag shall be forty-eight stars *[Note: Sec. 2 provides for additional stars; Today the flag has fifty stars representing the fifty states — Webmaster]*, white in a blue field

§2. Same; additional stars

On the admission of a new State into the Union one star shall be added to the union of the flag; and such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission

§3. Use of flag for advertising purposes; mutilation of flag

Any person who, within the District of Columbia, in any manner, for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing, or any advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard, colors, or ensign of the United States of America; or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, colors, or ensign upon which shall have been printed, painted, or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed, or annexed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature; or who, within the District of Columbia, shall manufacture, sell, expose for sale, or to public view, or give away or have in possession for sale, or to be given away or for use for any purpose, any article or substance being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle for merchandise or article or thing for carrying or transporting merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of any such flag, standard, colors, or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court. The words "flag, standard, colors, or ensign", as used herein, shall include any flag, standard, colors, ensign, or any picture or representation of either, or of any part or parts of either, made of any substance or represented on any substance, of any size evidently purporting to be either of said flag, standard, colors, or ensign of the United States of America or a picture or a representation of either, upon which shall be shown

According to the Independence Hall Association and USHistory.org, the Flag Code is in no way enforced or reviewed by any U.S. government entity. Compliance with and interpretation of the Flag Code is up to the individual.

Flag Etiquette



Basic Flag Etiquette



During the Pledge of Allegiance or the playing of our National Anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, you should stand facing the flag with your right hand on your left chest. Recite the Pledge, sing the Anthem, or remain silent.



Men should remove their hats with their right hand and hold it on their left chest.



Generally, the flag should be displayed during daylight hours. If the flag is to be displayed after sunset, a light should be shining on it.



Keep your flag clean and in good condition. Put it away during harsh weather that could alter its integrity.



When on display, the flag should always have the place of honor, on the left (to an observer), in the front, and/or in the highest position. The stars should always be on top, and the stripes on the bottom.



President Eisenhower formally proclaimed in 1954 that all government buildings will fly the flag at half-staff to commemorate times of national mourning. News agencies will inform us when this should happen and for how long.

How to fold an American flag

Source: The American Legion

Follow these steps to properly fold the flag.

STEP ONE: With another person, hold the flag lengthwise at waist level. As an act of respect, the flag should never touch the ground.

STEP TWO: Fold the flag in half, with the stripes folding over the field of stars.

STEP THREE: Fold the flag in half again — this time the stars will be to the outside, stripes to the inside. The flag should look like the photo below.



STEP FOUR: Starting at the end away from the stars, fold the bottom part (folded section) to form a triangle.



CONTINUE FOLDING: Fold the triangular section toward the stars, forming another triangle. Then, fold it again, working your way up through the field of stars as the flag is folded into a triangle.

FINALLY: Tuck the edge of the flag (the white stripe where the flag attaches to the standard) inside the blue triangle. A perfectly folded flag will be a tightly wrapped triangle, totally wrapped in the blue field with no red or white stripe showing.



TRY YOUR
HAND AT IT!

Poster Project

Design a project of the "Do's and Don'ts of Flag Etiquette."

- **Posters should include:**
 - **A creative design**
 - **At least 3-5 etiquette rules**
 - **A slogan encouraging respect for the flag using color, symbols, and patriotic imagery**

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