



Why I honor the American flag

Since the American flag was adopted in 1777, it has symbolized the blood, sweat and tears that our ancestors put forth to make this country. Our forefathers fought and died bravely for this nation and its ideals. They toiled for what we have today. Just like the great heroes of the past, people are still fighting and dying for this flag. I honor the American flag because of its noble history and all of the ideals for which it stands.

I found great respect for the American flag when I visited the National Museum of American History. I saw the flag that flew over Fort McHenry. When you entered the hall there were plaques showing the battle and the fort. They described how Francis Scott Key was inspired by the giant flag that flew over Fort McHenry. That same tattered flag inspired awe inside of me. I was astonished by how this flag stayed together, though tattered and brittle. It stays together like our country has stuck together since it was formed.

I also honor the flag for the ideals for which it stands. The colors represent ideals like courage, purity, justice, and perseverance. The founders of our country envisioned a nation where people have the liberty to act, talk, and worship as they want. Our soldiers continue to fight for those freedoms today. Our veterans fought for our freedom too. That's why we should thank them whenever we see them. Justice is correct treatment of all people. We should, as a country, treat all people, of all races and colors, justly. Courage is the ability to do something that scares you. I'm sure a lot of colonials were scared of breaking away from the British, but they did it anyway. All of these ideals inspired me to give respect by volunteering at school to hoist the flag, making sure it didn't touch the ground, and folding it correctly when it was brought down. My family shows respect by displaying it outside our home.

Honoring the flag is important to me because of its noble history and ideals. The flag stands for courage, perseverance, justice, and purity, all of which are things I support. Its history is awe inspiring to behold. It inspired me to have respect, and it inspired Francis Scott Key to write an inspiring poem about it. All of those things are reasons I honor the flag.

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