



## WHY DOES THE US FLAG MATTER SO MUCH?

Flag Day : June 14<sup>th</sup> (to commemorate \_\_\_\_\_)

Name of the US flag: \_\_\_\_\_  
(= name of the national anthem)

### National anthem etiquette.

When Americans hear their anthem, they must (**tick correct answers**):

☐ stop chewing gum ☐ Face the flag ☐ sing ☐ Stand at attention ☐ remove their sunglasses ☐ applaud at the end

### a) Highlight keywords in the text & link the paragraphs to the corresponding representation

1. We stand for the flag today to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, the more than 1.2 million Americans who have died because of war. We stand for soldiers who initially inspired our national anthem in the revolutionary war. (1775-1783)

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2. We stand for the flag not to focus on what divides us but on what unites us, which is being an American. the name "American" deserves our highest respect and pride. Standing for the flag and anthem at a sports game or other public gatherings, symbolically shows that we are all Americans, no matter our race or religion, no matter our preferred sports team, and no matter our political differences.

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3. We stand for the flag not to pledge allegiance to a president, but to honor the reality that we have an elected president and not a lifetime king. By standing, we honor the fact that our country has had 45 presidents. Our flag reflects our system of government, divided by 50 states, the stars on the flag, but united under a federal government.

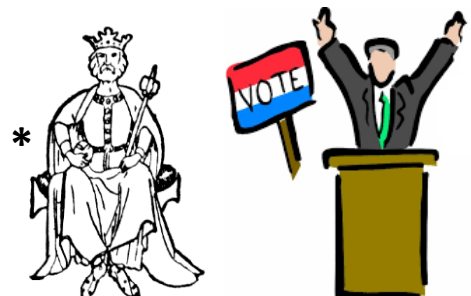
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4. We stand to salute the principle of justice, not because of past or present pain caused by injustice. Patriotism is pride in the principles that paved the way for change

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<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/353087-5-reasons-we-stand-for-the-flag>

- a) Sum up what you understood: why is the flag such a potent / powerful symbol?  
b) Now, do you still support Kaepernick's protest?