



American Flag Trivia: How Much Do You Know About our Stars and Stripes?

What do the flag's colors stand for?

Red stands for hardiness and valor, white for purity and innocence, and blue for loyalty and justice.

Why should you never raise a flag upside-down?

A flag raised upside-down is a sign of distress that should be used only in times of great emergency.

True or False: The flag always flies at the White House.

False - it flies there only when the president is home.

True or False: It's okay to wear the flag, use it as a tablecloth, etc.

False - it's considered disrespectful.

What is the suggested way to dispose of an old flag that is faded, worn, or torn?

By burning. Local VFW's sometimes provide this service in dignified ceremonies.

How many times has the flag changed since its inception in 1777?

Old Glory has changed twenty-six times, but the basic look has remained the same.

If a new state joins the Union, when is a new star added to the flag?

On the following 4th of July.

True or False: A teenage boy designed the current flag's arrangement of stars in 1958.

True! His teacher only gave him a B- but said he would give him a higher grade if the government accepted his design.

When Old Glory is folded correctly, what shape is she?

A triangle.

Bonus: What is that shape supposed to represent?

Her triangular shape resembles the tricornered hats worn by Americans during the Revolutionary War.

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