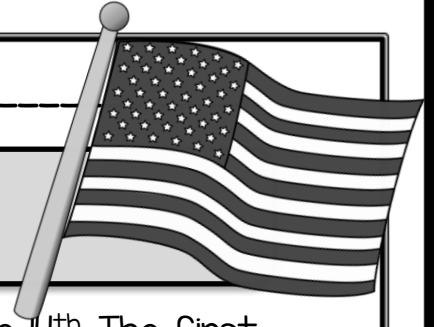


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# Flag Day



Flag Day is an American holiday celebrated on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The first Flag Day was started by a schoolteacher in 1885. He wanted his students to learn more about the importance and meaning of the American flag. He chose June 14<sup>th</sup> because this was the day in 1777 when the Stars and Stripes became the official flag of the United States. At that time, the flag had thirteen stars and stripes.

Many people will fly their American flag on this day. It is important to always show respect for the flag and know the proper way to handle it. For example, the flag should never touch the ground or be worn as clothing. When the American flag is flown with other flags, it should always be higher than the others. On some days, such as Memorial Day, you may see the flag flown at *half staff*. This means the flag is flown lower on the pole when there has been a death or tragedy. Finally, when a flag is too old and worn to fly anymore, it should be burned in a respectable and proper way.

1. How is the flag today different from the flag in 1777? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you think the flag is burned when it can no longer be used?

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3. What does *half staff* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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