

Vexillology: The Study of Old Glory
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1. True or False, the rules and codes of etiquette spelled out in the Flag Code can be legally enforced.
A. True
B. False
2. The Continental Congress approved the design that established the first official U.S. flag on:
A. July 4, 1776
B. June 14, 1777
C. September 18, 1787
3. Who designed the first official U.S. flag?
A. Betsy Ross
B. Benjamin Franklin
C. Francis Hopkinson
4. Who made the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star-Spangled Banner?
A. Mary Pickersgill
B. John Stafford
C. Betsy Ross
5. The US flag is usually flown from sunrise to sunset, but can it be flown at night?
A. Yes
B. No
6. When are new stars added to the flag?
A. On the Fourth of July following the admission of new states to the Union.
B. On the First of January following the admission of new states to the Union.
C. Upon order of Congress.
7. Can you fly a U.S. flag with less than 50 stars?
A. Yes
B. No
8. The last new star was added to the flag in which year? (Hint: the year after Hawaii became the 50th state.)
A. 1958
B. 1959
C. 1960
D. 1961
9. When was the flag with 28 stars flown for the first time? _____
10. How many stars are on the top row of stars on the current flag?
A. 5
B. 6
C. 7
D. 10
11. How many stripes on the American flag are red?
A. 6
B. 7
C. 8



12. Find the Texas flag in the US flag.

13. When is the only time a United States' flag should be flown upside down? _____
14. On what side should the flag be placed when with other flags arranged in a row? _____
15. How and when should a flag be disposed of? _____
16. What is important to remember when flying the U.S. flag with any state or auxiliary flag?

17. Who has the authority to order American flags to be flown at half-staff?
A. Congress and the Supreme Court
B. The president, state governors, mayor of Washington, DC
C. The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense
18. When did "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially become the national anthem of the United States of American?
A. 1931
B. 1917
C. 1814
19. When was the current Pledge adopted?
A. 1892
B. 1922
C. 1954
20. Where is the location of a U.S flag that is never flown at half-staff? _____
21. How many American flags are on the Moon?
A. One
B. Five
C. Six
22. Name the only high school in the USA that has had their flag taken to the Moon. _____
Name the graduate who took it there. _____
23. Why is the American flag folded into a triangle?
A. To make sure no part of the flag (that is not on display) touches the ground
B. To showcase the stars, which symbolize America as a new constellation
C. To honor the battleships that have served us throughout history
D. To symbolize the tricorne hats of colonial soldiers during the Revolutionary War
24. The colors of the 13 red and white stripes symbolize:
A. courage/valor and purity/innocence
B. England and liberty
C. It is not known what the colors symbolize
25. Name these flags. _____ and _____
26. On which side is the Texas flag at the Alamo?
A. Left B. Right

