

A textured, painterly background of the American flag. The top left corner features a cluster of white stars on a dark blue background. The rest of the image consists of horizontal stripes in various shades of red, orange, yellow, and green.

The American Flag

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The stars and stripes

- Original 13 star (June 14, 1777)
- Now 50 star (July 4, 1960)
- Stars represent the 50 states
- Stripes represent the 13 British colonies that independence first



What is the meaning of the different colours that are used?

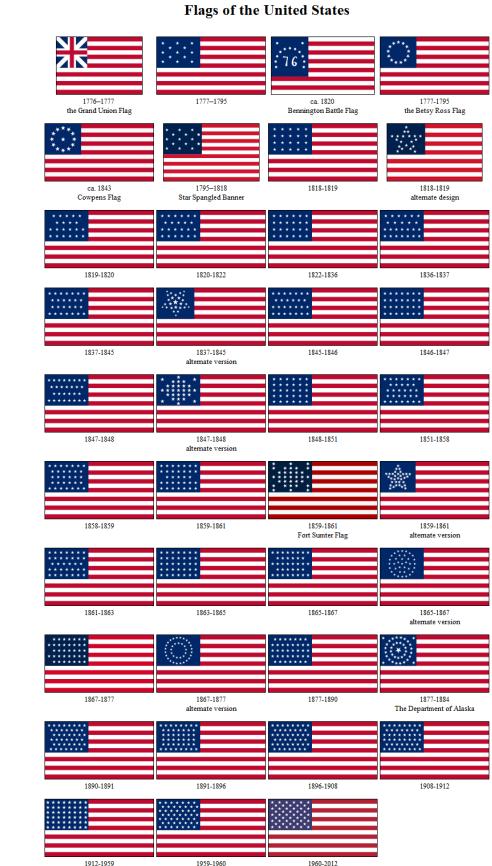
- Colours; Red, white and blue
- Red and white → for the blood of those who gave their lives for freedom
- Blue → symbol of the union

George Washington explained the flag this way:

“We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty.”

History of the flag(s)

- 'The Grand Union Flag'
- Betsy Ross
- Celebration days
- June 14 1777



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