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# HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

Read the short passage and answer the questions.

The American flag is an important symbol of the United States. People often call it the "Stars and Stripes." The first American flag was created in 1777 during the Revolutionary War. It had 13 stripes to represent the 13 original colonies.

Over time, new stars were added to the flag when new states joined the country. Today, the American flag has 50 stars and 13 stripes. The stars stand for the 50 states, and the stripes still represent the original colonies. Americans display the flag on holidays, at schools, and during special events to show pride in their country.



## QUESTIONS:

1. What is another name for the American flag?

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2. When was the first American flag created?

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3. What do the 13 stripes represent?

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4. Why were more stars added to the flag?

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5. How many stars are on the American flag today?

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