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# USA INDEPENDENCE DAY

Answer each question.

The U.S. flag has undergone many changes since the first original flag in 1777. Before the official flag was chosen, there were many different flags that were popular in different colonies. The exact origin of the first American flag is unknown, but many historians believe that a New Jersey Congressman named Francis Hopkinson designed the flag. A committee decided that the design should have 13 stars and 13 stripes, each to stand for the colonies. They also decided the flag should be red, white, and blue.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the Flag Act, which approved the design of the American flag. The number of stars has increased from 13 to 50. The current flag has 50 stars and 13 stripes, and they represent the fifty states.

What colors are the flag?

How many stars did the flag originally have?

Why are there 13 stripes?

What do the stars on the flag stand for?