

## What does Patriotism mean for me?

Patriotism is the love and devotion to our country. Everybody has a different way how they express their love to their country. Soldiers express their patriotism to our country by serving in the army and protecting our borders, risking their lives to defend our country from enemies. In sports, men and women athletes express their patriotism by representing our country on Olympic Games and other important world tournament. The President and other people in government express their love to our country by making laws to protect the interests and rights of our nation. Doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel show their patriotism by saving people's lives each and every day by putting their own lives at risk. I am a fifth grade student, so how can I show my patriotism?

First of all, every Thursday we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and sing our national anthem "The Star Spangled Banner", during our chapel hours. All my classmates and I stand up and we put our right hand over our hearts while reciting the pledge of allegiance and singing our national anthem to pay respect to our country. "The Star Spangled Banner" was written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key after he captured the flag of The United States while still waving it after the battle of Fort McHenry.

Another way to show patriotism is by studying history. History is one of my favorite subjects in school. It is important to know the development of our country, its "Forefathers", so that we can learn from our mistakes and prevent them in the future. History also explains the origin of our traditions and holidays. As a patriot of my country, I honor national holidays such as Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Presidents Day, as well as Veterans Day.

Being patriotic also means taking care of your nation. The year of 2020 was very difficult for all the people of the United States as well as other people all over the world. Our nation has been fighting Corona/Covid-19 virus that took life of many American people and people all over the world. So what can I do to help Americans people to fight the virus? I am following the guide lines of our authorities by wearing the mask in public places, keeping the distance of six feet when around other people. I even had to take online classes for a few months to help stop spreading the infection.

I am studying hard and try to get good grades in school. As of right now, I have not decided yet who I want to be in the future. However, I will do my best to work even harder so that I could bring many benefits to our country of the United States so my family and other people of our nation will be proud of me. So no matter what career path I choose, I will do my job with pride and responsibility.