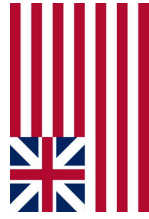




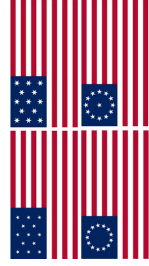
Versions of the USA Flag



Did you know that the US flag has changed over time? It now has 13 stripes and 50 stars, but that has not always been the case! What aspects of each flag are different? Why do you think it was modified?



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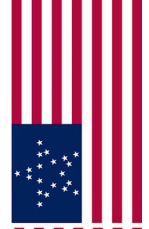
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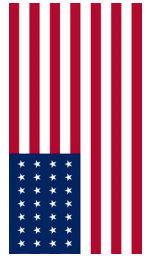
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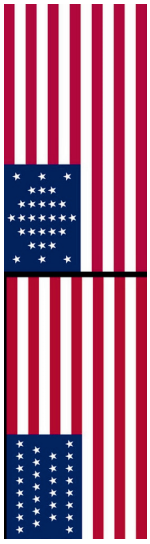
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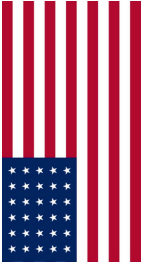
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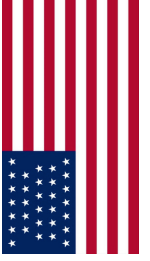
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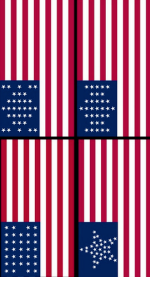
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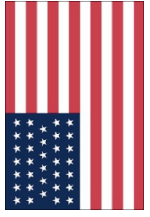
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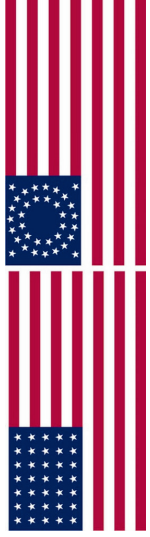
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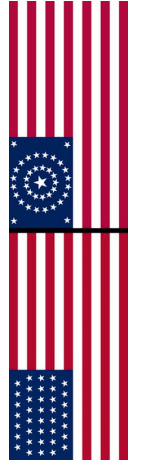
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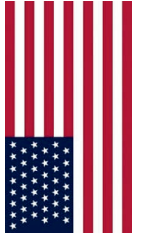
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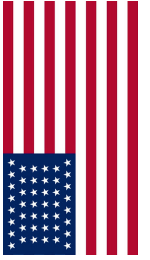
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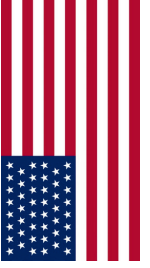
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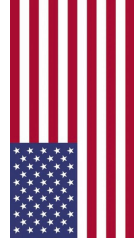
1908-1912



1912-1959



1959-1960



1960-Present



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Learn Flag Etiquette

- The U.S. Flag Code is not enforceable for civilians, but following it shows respect and patriotism.
- The U.S. Flag should always be flown on top if on the same pole with other flags, and no others should be larger than it. If using a three pole system, it should be in the middle, and preferably at a higher height. If the flags are in a line, the U.S. flag should be the first to the left.
- When displayed on a podium or stage, the U.S. flag should go on the speaker's right (audience's left) and all other flags on the opposite side.
- On certain occasions, such as Memorial Day, the flag is flown at half-staff out of respect, mourning, and remembrance.
- The U.S. flag should not be carried upside down unless in certain emergency situations.
- The order when displaying military flags together is Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. These are often flown with the U.S. flag.
- The U.S. flag should be flown between sunrise and sunset. However, it can be flown at all times, but should be illuminated if flown over night. Flying it at all times is usually a sign of patriotism.
- There is a special customary manner to folding the flag, and it should always be used if it needs to be folded for any reason.
- The U.S. flag should be carried with respect, and not allowed to touch the ground.