

Stars And Standards Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. The flag should be picked up immediately and cleaned or inspected for damage.
2. It shows that the flag is honored and never treated carelessly.
3. The flag has been hung backward-the stars should always appear in the upper left.
4. It ensures the flag is recognized correctly as a national symbol.
5. No, the Flag Code forbids wearing or altering the flag as clothing.
6. People can wear flag-inspired colors or designs rather than the actual flag.
7. The flag represents the nation; retiring it respectfully shows gratitude and honor.
8. Communities can hold ceremonies led by veterans or scouts to properly retire old flags.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger or developing readers, simplify excerpts and provide short summaries before discussion.
 - For older students, extend analysis by asking them to interpret the **symbolic meaning** of each rule.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Create "Flag Code Scenarios" where students role-play situations showing correct or incorrect flag use.
 - Discuss how respect for symbols can build **community pride** and responsibility.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Research how other countries honor their national flags.
 - Have students write a short reflection: *What does showing respect for the flag mean to you personally?*
 - Invite a local veterans' group to share how the Flag Code is followed in ceremonies.