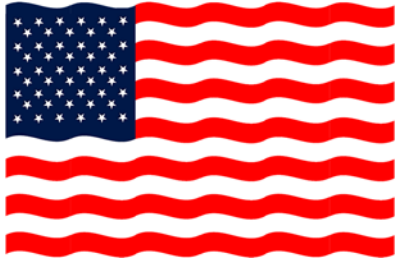


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## Stars And Standards

**Directions:** Read the short excerpts from the U.S. Flag Code below. Then answer the questions that follow each one. Think carefully about how each rule applies in real-life situations that show respect for the flag.

**Excerpt 1:** *"The flag should never touch the ground, floor, or water. It should always be handled respectfully."*

1. A gust of wind knocks over a flag during a parade, and it brushes the ground. What should be done next?
2. Why do you think the Flag Code includes this rule?

**Excerpt 2:** *"When the flag is displayed against a wall or in a window, the union (the blue field with stars) should be at the top and to the observer's left."*

3. If a classroom hangs the flag in a window and the stars are on the right side from the viewer's perspective, what mistake has been made?
4. How does this rule help keep the flag's display consistent and respectful?

**Excerpt 3:** *"The flag should never be used as clothing, bedding, or drapery."*

5. A student designs a jacket using an image of the flag as decoration. Is this following the Flag Code? Explain why or why not.
6. What are some ways people can show pride in the flag without breaking this rule?

**Excerpt 4:** *"When a flag becomes worn or damaged, it should be retired in a dignified way, preferably by burning in a private ceremony."*

7. Why does the Flag Code call for a "dignified" retirement rather than simply throwing it away?
8. What might be one respectful way for schools or communities to carry out this tradition?