

Patriotism

Did you know that patriotism means love, respect, care, honor, and pride? I want patriotism to be in America all the time. Patriotism is important to me, because everybody needs to have it. To me patriotism means three things. It means showing enthusiasm, showing respect, and supporting the political process.

There are many ways to show enthusiasm for the U.S.A. Many people wear red, white, and blue on national holidays and anniversaries of national events. On the Fourth of July, we pop fireworks at our house. We usually host a small gathering also to celebrate our independence. These things show others how proud we are to be living in the United States.

Showing respect for our country can be demonstrated in many ways. We say the pledge every day at the beginning of school. The pledge is said at all of our sporting events. Everyone is silent when the anthem is sung. This shows that our country is very important to us and that we take our values very seriously.

A final way to be patriotic or loyal to the U.S.A. is to vote. Our system of democracy is the best in the world. Everyone gets to be a part of making decisions. When people study candidates and cast a vote, they are showing their support of our country's democratic process. It is disloyal or un-American to not participate in something that our veterans fought very hard to establish.

When I am wearing our nation's colors, saying the pledge singing the national anthem, or watching people getting involved in voting, I feel very patriotic or proud and loyal to the U.S.A. I wish other people would do these things. It would show other nations how we are united. It would also make our nation a better place. That is what patriotism means to me.

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