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The American Flag

You ever wonder about the flag?

And how long we must have had it?

Or what it even represented?

We'll look no further, and let me tell you.

Now, during the American Revolution,

The first official national flag was approved

by the Continental Congress

On June 14, 1777.

The flag was known as the Stars and Stripes,

And, according to legend, Betsy Ross sewed the first one,

Imagine all the work it took—

Sewn by hand,

Big enough to see from far and wide.

But whether or not she did,

The flag had 13 horizontal stripes: seven of them red,

The other six were white.

And if you looked to the top corner, you would find

A blue rectangle,

Inside of it 13 white stars;

They were arranged in a circle.

And all together, the 13 stars and stripes represented

The 13 original colonies.

But fast forward to the present.

The flag doesn't look quite like it did.

But even though it changed,

Look close and you'll find that some

Of the elements are still the same.

Today, the flag is still red, white, and blue.
And there's still 13 stripes, that part's true.
Seven of them red and the other six are white,
And on to the top corner we still find
The blue rectangle; wow, it's still there!
But there's a whole lot more stars in here now.
Since 1960, the flag's had 50—
One for each state in the country wow!
But they're no longer arranged in a circle,
But rather in rows of six and five.
The flag remains a symbol of American values
Of liberty and patriotism as it flies high.
There's even a holiday to celebrate the flag!
Could you guess when the celebration is?
June 14th—you got it!
Bring the hot dogs,
I'll bring the pop for the occasion!