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The American Flag

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. Flags are made out of cloth or a material like cloth. They are usually rectangular or square. They have designs on them and are attached to a pole or stick. Flags usually represent, or stand for, something. Countries and states have flags. A town, city, or school might have a flag, too.

What is the main topic of this text?

A. The American flag

B. State names

- C. Flags
- 2. The 13 stars and stripes on the first American flag represented the 13 original colonies. The American flag still has 13 stripes today. In the 1600s, people from England began sailing to America. They established colonies. Colonists still had to follow England's rules. In 1776, the American colonies declared independence from England. The colonists won the Revolutionary War and earned the right to make their own rules.

What is the main topic of this text?

A. The 13 original colonies

B. The king of England

- C. Sailing
- **3.** Many countries have rules about how to treat its flag. The American flag is not supposed to touch the ground. It's also supposed to be carried a certain way and not displayed upside down. Another rule states that the flag should not be worn as clothing. There are also rules about how to raise and lower the American flag on a flagpole.

What is the main topic of this text?

A. Rules for the American flag

B. Different types of flags

C. How to carry a flag