

## **What Patriotism Means to Me?**

Patriotism comes from a Greek word that means fatherland. The definition of patriotism is the love of one's country, the feeling of loving your country more than any others and being proud of it.

What patriotism means to me is to love the United States of America with dignity and courage, and the love towards the traditions and people who live in the country. Patriotism is also the respect of the Native Americans and their history.

The way we can show patriotism is by flying the American flag in your home. Voting in elections so the government can know what we want or think. Joining the military and be willing to fight and die for our country. Paying your taxes, that way we contribute in paying the salaries of government workers and also help to support the police, firefighters, libraries, parks, schools, and many more. Praying for all the families of the fallen women and men. Care for the weak and the poor by making it a daily habit, give your time to those who need you most. Staying informed on the news, is another way to show patriotism because you know what is happening in our country and around the world.

A good way to start patriotism is by learning the history of our country, and also understanding the history of other countries as well. It is important to know what you call home and to get to know your neighbors as well, in order to learn your country's place in the world.

In my opinion patriotism is having respect for our country and helping in whatever way I can. When I sing the National Anthem, I feel proud to be an American. Patriotism can be found in the art, literature, and music.

The way I show patriotism to my country is by doing the Pledge of Allegiance, having a flag in my home, celebrating the 4th of July, singing the National Anthem with respect and love or wearing my American shirt. In the end, if we have love for our country we should show patriotism.

God bless America!