

What Patriotism Means to Me

Patriotism is and should be one of the most important words in American culture. Unfortunately, it seems evident to me that it is a quality that is often left behind. We celebrate American holidays that obviously have historical significance, but I have witnessed the mundane attitude that many people seem to foster towards these holidays. I believe in the American dream, to work hard and be rewarded for achievement, and patriotism is a word to describe this dream.

Patriotism: vigorous support of one's country. This definition describes how we view patriotism, but I believe this essence is not captured in so few words. Patriotism, to me, is an attitude, a mentality, and a belief; a belief in a country that has the potential to be one of the greatest countries the world has ever seen. Patriotism is a personal commitment to preserving America and its outstanding history.

The United States of America has already experienced one of the most amazing histories that I have ever studied. While, like any country or establishment, it is far from perfect, America has encouraged strong spirits of Patriotism through hardship and success. From the Revolutionary War, to the Wall Street Crash of 1929, to even the inaugurations of every elected president, it becomes clearer everyday that America would not thrive without the dedication and support that is essential from every citizen. Through our patriotic attitudes, we have the ability to inspire achievement and show gratitude to our nation's founders and leaders.

I believe it is important to start every new day with a new appreciative attitude towards the country we have been given the privilege to be members of. We should always strive to follow the examples of our ancestors so that our posterity will reap the benefits which we have experienced. Every American can demonstrate dedication and appreciation through patriotism.