

Share Your Story:

What does the American flag mean to you?

SNAP IT! AND DESCRIBE IT!

- ✓ **SNAP IT** Take a photograph.
- ✓ **DESCRIBE IT** Use words to explain your photograph or feelings that you couldn't show through your photograph.

1. Using a digital camera, select and photograph something (a flag? a person? a place?) that shows what the American flag means to you.
2. You may take more than one photograph, but be sure to write down the subject of each photograph and the date that each photograph was taken.
3. Select your best photograph and download the photograph from your camera and copy to the classroom photograph folder.
4. Save your photograph using the following information: yourfirstname_teachername_gradelevel
5. Write a detailed response, a maximum of 300 words, about what the American flag means to you. Include the answer to one or more of the prompt questions and be sure to describe how your photograph connects to your response.
 - What does the American flag stand for?
 - What does it mean to you?
 - Is it a sacred symbol? Why?
 - Does it represent you? Why?
 - Has it meant something important to you?
 - Have you ever used the flag to make a statement?
6. Identify the photographer. Include your first name *only*, your age, your city and state, and the date the photograph was taken.

Remember: Only photographs that include all of the above can be included on the Smithsonian's *The Star-Spangled Banner* Web site.

6. Upload the photograph and text to your class Flickr group share account. Depending on your age and school rules, your teacher may have to upload for you.