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Why the Flag is Important to Me

The United States flag represents freedom from communism, slavery, and discrimination. There are several people who have fought for those rights for us. Martin Luther King, Jr was one of those people. Because of him, I am able to experience the first African American President of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama. Being a minority, President Obama gives me hope that one day I can become the first Mexican American President of the United States of America.

When I look at the United States flag it reminds me of how the United States opens its arms to all races and religions. There are 50 stars on the American flag. Each star represents the number of states in the Union. There are also 13 stripes on the American flag that represent

the 13 colonies. The flag now is different from the original because the original had only 13 stars and 13 stripes. Now there are 50 stars to show that America welcomes all ethnicities.

The moment I saw Neil Armstrong put the United States flag on the moon I realized how big the universe is and how smart the human mind is. The American flag also reminds me of how we are all united during tragedies. The September 11th terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina were two of the worst tragedies the United States has ever had. Americans helped victims by sending food, water, clothes, and other necessities. Every time I see the American Flag I feel very proud to say that two of my uncles, Andy who was in the US Army and Juan who was in the US Marine Corp. fought for our nation.

There are people who have fought in wars and have become blind. Even though they can't see the flag, they can feel it with Braille. By doing this, they feel the same emotions we do. This is why a Braille tactile flag is important to blind and sighted individuals. So that everyone is reminded of the plight and sacrifice that was made for this country.