

The Flag of America

Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag in the year 1776. Like our current flag, the old flag featured thirteen red and white stripes, but only thirteen stars. The 13 colonies in America at the time were symbolized by these 13 Stars and Stripes. Between 1776 and 1818, there were a few further alterations made to the American flag. The 15 stars and 15 stripes on the flag in 1795 represented the then 15 states that made up our nation. Congress finally decided in 1818 that the number of stars must correspond to the number of states in the USA, but that the number of stripes must remain at 13 to commemorate the original 13 colonies. The American flag received its 50th star in 1960.

Answer the following questions.

Q1. Who sewed the first American flag and when?

A: _____

Q2. What did the 13 stars symbolize?

A: _____

Q3. How many Stars and Stripes were on the flag of America in 1795?

A: _____

Q4. What did congress decide in 1818?

A: _____

Q5. When did the flag of America receive its 50th star?

A: _____