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Second Class Requirement 8b
"Explain what respect is due to the flag of the United States"
(Handbook Page 56)

_____ Name

1. The American Flag is a piece of cloth, and my kitchen table is covered by a piece of cloth. Why does the flag deserve more respect than my tablecloth? (*Hint: before you answer, think about the words "... and to the republic for which it stands..."*)

2. Every so often you hear about a "flag funeral" where Veterans or the Elks Club or even a Scout troop burned a bunch of flags down to ashes. What's going on? (*Hint: use the words "worn" and "tattered" and "respectful" in your answer.*)

3. Purely by accident and unintentionally, an American Flag fell into a mud puddle. What's the best thing to do? (*Choose 1*)

___ Give it to the Vets for their next flag funeral.

___ Put it into a washing machine or send it to the dry cleaners.

4. How about throwing the muddy flag into the nearest garbage can? What's wrong with that? (*Hint: use the words "landfill" and "disrespectful" in your answer.*)

5. If it's OK for the Vets to burn an American flag, what about a bunch of angry protesters at a rally? If they burn a flag, isn't that illegal? (*Choose 1*)

___ It may not be nice, but it's perfectly legal for protesters to burn a flag.

___ The protesters are open to be arrested.

6. Assume the Cake Boss bakes a cake decorated to look like an America Flag. Is it OK to cut the cake? Is it OK to eat the cake? (*Choose 1*)

___ Eat and enjoy.

___ No, it would be disrespectful

Some words to think about

You should show respect for your country's flag because it is your country's highest and most recognizable symbol, and the way you treat it is representative of your attitude towards your country. If you have no respect for your country, traditions, culture, and history, you have no reason to show any special respect for your flag over any other piece of cloth, but if you have respect for your country, treating the flag appropriately is a manifestation of that.