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What Patriotism Means to Me?

Patriotism means many things. When I studied the word, there are four main points that I found very interesting and worth sharing. The four main points are: pledging allegiance to the flag, having and showing pride in my country, honoring our military, and trusting God. I will share the information I learned and my feelings about each of these in this paper.

First, when I think of pledging allegiance to the flag, I think of how much I love my country. Pledging allegiance means that you are giving the promise of loyalty to the United States. I show my love and loyalty to the United States by placing my right hand across my heart every time I say the Pledge of Allegiance. I can remember my parents making me do this when I was a little boy and I never understood why. At school, we say the Pledge of Allegiance every day, and this is where I learned what Pledging Allegiance really means. Someday, I want to teach my children what Pledging Allegiance means.

Second, having and showing pride in my country is very important to me. I show pride in my country by going to school and following rules. I am getting my education so I can someday go to college. I want to better myself so that I can better my country. I can better myself and learn about my country by researching American history. My school shows pride in our country by having flags in our classrooms. At school, I have also studied the presidents and history during Social Studies and Reading. I have read several books related to American history.

Third, honoring our military that fight or fought for our freedom is very important to me. These men and women show their devotion for our country by risking their lives every day. Many of these men and women are Veterans and deserve our respect. I feel such happiness knowing that they not only protect our country but me too. My great grandfather served in the Army during World War II, my grandfather served in the Marines during Vietnam, and my step-father serves in the Army Texas State Guard. I am proud to have them as part of my family. I am also very proud of them for serving our country.

Finally, "In God We Trust" is our country's motto. Our forefathers believed and lived by this motto. This motto is found on the money we spend every day. Going to church, trusting God, and loving my country are another way I support and show my loyalty to my country.

As I have said, patriotism means many things to different people. I am proud of my country and want to continue to learn more about its history. I do believe that Pledging Allegiance, having and showing pride in my country, honoring our military, and trusting God are all very important in today's world. I will continue to do my part by sharing what patriotism means to me with others.