

What Does it Mean to be a Patriot?

The winds push into the boat, working overtime; the waves catapult themselves onto the deck, trying so hard to bring the ship down into its kingdom of darkness. The fearless voyagers prepare for a long, hard night after the light of day had already escaped their clutches. Much time goes by: days, weeks, months. The sound of gunfire pierces the air, cannons boom across the harbor, and then everything goes silent. The year is now 2021, 529 years after America was discovered, but currently our nation is divided under a flag that is supposed to stand for unity, love, and bravery. When a citizen, young or old, stands up for what is right and beneficial to their country instead of just following blindly what the majority is doing - that is what makes a patriot. America is not crime-free, immune to disaster, or a perfect place in any way, but those who choose to fight for more than just their own lives and brave the harsh seas, are what make it a great nation. A patriot is someone who steadies the boat and keeps the ship on course to the greater destination: a country of excellence.