

What It Means to Be A Patriot and How I Show Patriotism In My Community

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According to Oxford Languages, a patriot is, “someone who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies and detractors.” From this definition, we observe that a patriot is not only someone who likes their country but is someone who *loves* their country and is ready to defend it at all times. Their country is where they feel at home and patriots are ready to protect their country from anything that might harm it.

One might show patriotism in their community by honoring those who have died fighting for the country or by trying to keeping it a clean and orderly place. Simple acts like these may not seem significant, but they greatly show patriotism and love for this country.

There are many ways I show patriotism in my community. When I see trash outside, I pick it up and throw it away. I learn about the history of America and about those who have fought faithfully and served their country. That is what it means to be a patriot and how I show patriotism in my community.