## **How to be a Good American**

As Johnny Weir says, "I have always thought that being a good American is appreciating the world, not just our country." This means to me that you should appreciate everywhere, not just where you live. You could do that by sending things to countries that do not have as much as you.

To be a good American you could do many things. For example, you could help your community. Helping your community could include cleaning up, helping neighbors or volunteering. You could pick up trash, recycle, contribute, or start a fundraiser. You could also help your neighbors by helping them with groceries, opening doors for them, spending time with them or giving them a gift. Volunteering is also a good way to be an American. When you volunteer you are helping people. When you help people, they feel appreciated. You can volunteer by donating, help a nearby school, tutor a child, work at a soup kitchen, help nearby hospitals or help the homeless.

Another way you can be a good American is to be involved in activities like voting, stating your opinion and going to a museum. Voting is very important because citizens can vote for leaders to represent them and you can vote for whoever you want. Stating your opinion is important because you can stand up for yourself, speak up about things you don't think are right and get justice. When you go to a museum, library or listen to the news you are staying informed with the world. You can know what is going on.

You can be a good American by honoring people that help our country like firefighters and police officers and even people that were civil rights activists like Martin Luther King or Malcolm X. It is good to honor people that help our country because they did dangerous things that they did not have to but they did it because they are good Americans. You can honor them by showing support on social media or make a tribute for them.

You could do so many things. People would feel really appreciated. A good saying would be to treat people the way you would want to be treated. Part of being a good American is having to be kind. In conclusion, honoring people, helping your neighbor, and being involved are all ways you can be a good American.