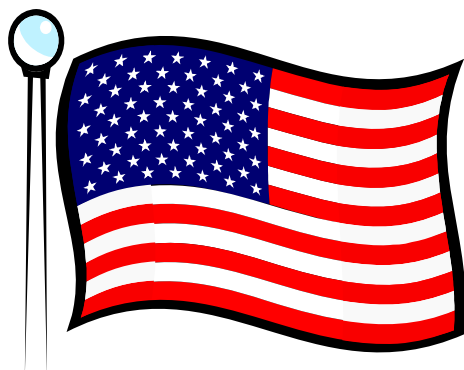


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## WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

NEW DIMENSION MEDIA, 2003  
Grade Level: K-6  
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# TEACHER'S GUIDE

Grades 1 to 3

We Pledge Allegiance  
Primary Citizenship Series

Subject Areas: Social Studies, U.S. History, Citizenship

Synopsis: The young narrator, David, explains the words in the Pledge of Allegiance. He takes his younger brother and sister to Valley Forge, where George Washington and his soldiers spent a harsh winter during the Revolutionary War. He explains why Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance in 1892, and stresses that it is okay that some people do not recite the Pledge for religious reasons. He also takes his brother and sister to Philadelphia to see Independence Hall, Benjamin Franklin's grave, Betsy Ross's home, and the National Constitution Center. He introduces the rights guaranteed to citizens by the United States Constitution, explaining that when we recite the Pledge of Allegiance we express thankfulness for these rights as well as loyalty to our nation.

## Learning Objectives:

**Objective 1)** Students will be able to define the words and phrases used in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Objective 2)** Students will be able to describe the loyalty demonstrated by the soldiers, women, and children who stayed with George Washington at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War

**Objective 3)** Students will be able to explain why Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance

**Objective 4)** Students will be able to identify the basic rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution

**Objective 5)** Students will be able to discuss the meaning and significance of the Pledge of Allegiance

## Pre-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

Say the Pledge of Allegiance together as a class. What does the Pledge of Allegiance mean? Are there any words in it that you do not understand? Why do you think we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

Vocabulary: pledge, allegiance, promise, loyalty, republic, government, indivisible, liberty, justice, freedom, courage, Revolutionary War, Continental Army, reenactment, volunteer soldiers, loyalty, freedom of religion, United States Constitution, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of petition

## Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

1) What is a pledge? What do we promise when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? What does it mean that our nation is "indivisible"? According to the Pledge, who receives liberty and justice?

2) Who stayed with George Washington at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777? What was life like for soldiers and others in the camp during that winter? What contributions did women and children make at Valley Forge? Why do you think men and women volunteered to serve in the Continental Army?

3) Why did Francis Bellamy write the Pledge of Allegiance? When was the Pledge of Allegiance first recited? Why do we say the Pledge every day at school?

4) Why do some people choose not to recite the Pledge of Allegiance? Is not saying the Pledge acceptable? Do you think it is important that we respect people who have different religious beliefs? Why?

5) What is the United States Constitution? What freedoms are guaranteed by the Constitution? What is freedom of religion? Freedom of speech? Freedom of the press? Freedom of assembly? Freedom of petition?

## Additional Activities:

1) Investigate changes made to the Pledge of Allegiance. This history of the Pledge is available at [www.flagday.org/Pages/PledgeHistory.html](http://www.flagday.org/Pages/PledgeHistory.html). What words were added to the Pledge? What stayed the same? Why do you think these changes were made?

2) Learn more about George Washington's winter in Valley Forge. The Valley Forge National Historic Park website, [www.nps.gov/vafo/home.htm](http://www.nps.gov/vafo/home.htm), features additional information and photographs. Have a class discussion about life in Valley Forge and the sacrifices made by soldiers in the Continental Army. Have students create posters depicting the winter in Valley Forge.

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