

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by Francis Bellamy (1855–1931). The original "Pledge of Allegiance" was published in the popular children's magazine as part of the Celebration of Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas.

Bellamy's pledge, originally, in 1892, said:

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

In 1923, the words 'to my flag' were changed to 'to the flag of the United States' because of the large number of children in the schools who were from other countries.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The words "of America" were added a year later, in 1924.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The United States Congress officially recognized the Pledge for the first time, in the following form, on June 22, 1942:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Louis Albert Bowman, an attorney from Illinois, was the first to initiate the addition of "under God" to the Pledge. He stated that the words came from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Lincoln said, "the nation shall, *under God*, have a new birth of freedom."

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Eisenhower signed the bill into law on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, and stated "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim, in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty.... In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation, under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

I pledge _____ to the

of the United States of America,

and to the _____ for which it stands,

one _____, under God,

with _____

and _____ for all.

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation, under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.**

allegiance- loyalty, faithfulness to something

pledge- a solemn promise

flag- cloth attached to a pole that is a symbol for something

republic- a group of people with equality

nation- a unified group of people in a place

indivisible- unable to be divided

liberty- freedom

justice- fairness

Draw a picture to remind you of what each word means.

pledge	allegiance	flag	republic
nation	indivisible	liberty	justice

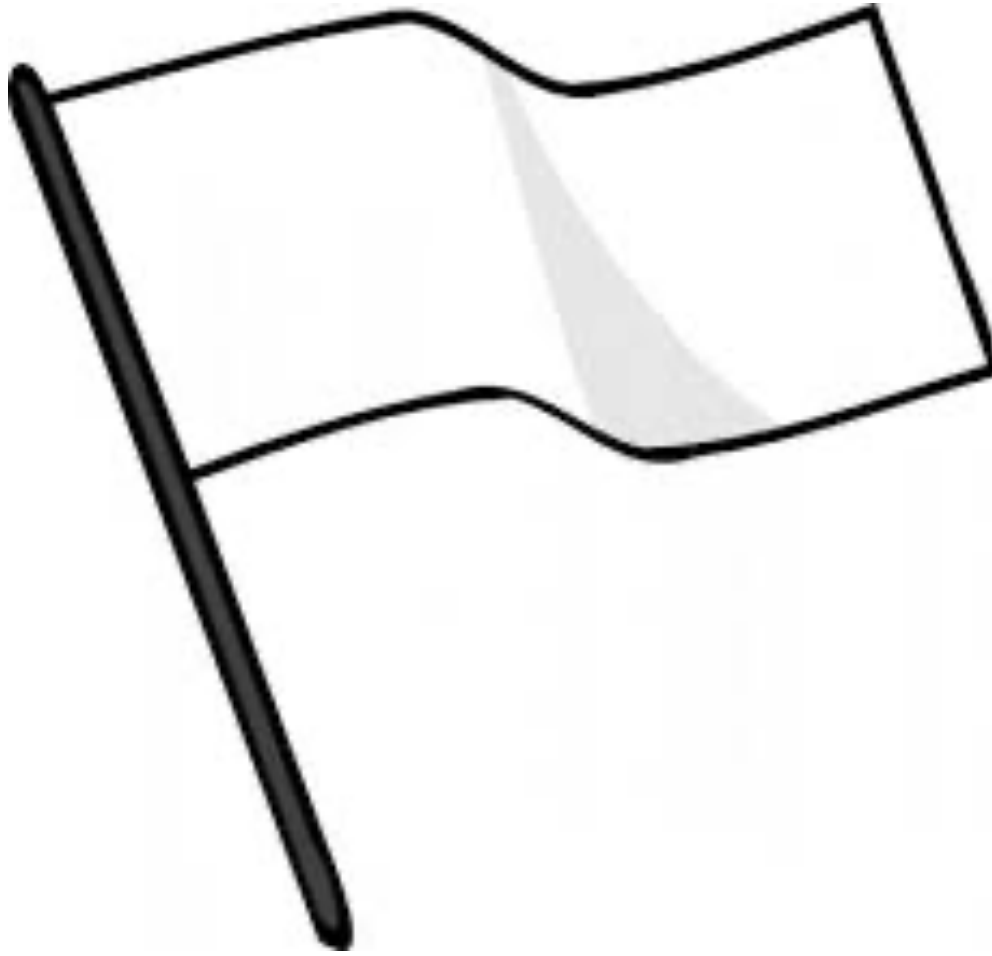
The original pledge-

**I pledge allegiance to my Flag
and the Republic for which it stands,
one nation indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.**

The present pledge-

**I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation, under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.**

- X Cross out what was changed and write the new word.
- O Circle what was added.



Draw the flag of the United States of America.

What colors will you need? _____, _____, & _____

How many stripes will you make? _____

How many stripes from the top is the blue field with stars? _____

Is the blue field on the left or on the right side of the flag? _____

Does the blue field take up more or less than half the width on the top of the flag? _____

Does the blue field take up more or less than half the width on the flag? _____

How many white stars are on the blue field? _____

Is our flag symmetrical? _____

How do you know? _____

Label the parts of the flag.



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Great flag historical information in link, above. 😊