

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Each morning, students recite this uniquely American run-on sentence—but what does it all mean?

SCRIPT:

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.

Directions: Define important vocabulary in your own words.

1. pledge

2. allegiance

3. Republic

4. indivisible

5. liberty

6. justice

Use the Pledge of Allegiance graphic to answer the questions.

1. When was the Pledge of Allegiance first published?
2. Who is given credit for writing the Pledge of Allegiance?
3. What text was added in 1924?
4. What does, "for which it stands," mean?
5. Who added the text, "under God"?
6. What are the three steps to recite the Pledge of Allegiance?