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## Post Trip Lesson Plan Pledge of Allegiance

Instructions: Read the following history of the Pledge of Allegiance. Then complete the worksheet.

History: Prior to the beginning of the daily lesson plans in an 1898 school, the Pledge of Allegiance (a statement where each child would promise their allegiance to the United States) would be stated. This trend continues today in American schools.

In August 1892 Francis Bellamy (1855-1931) wrote the original Pledge of Allegiance. This pledge was published in the magazine *The Youth's Companion* on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The pledge read as follows:

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

This pledge was written for students to repeat on Columbus Day (in October, celebrates Columbus' discovery of the Americas). On October 12, 1892 (Columbus Day) the pledge was first read by 12 million children creating the ritual that continues today. On June 14, 1923 the words "my flag" were replaced by "the flag of the United States." In 1942 Congress (body of U.S. government that writes laws) officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance. June 1943 the Supreme Court ruled that it could not be mandated for children to recite the pledge.

Please write the current Pledge of Allegiance for comparison:

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Vocabulary:

Instructions: From reading the History of the Pledge of Allegiance define or explain the meaning of each word.

1. Pledge \_\_\_\_\_

2. Columbus Day  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Francis Bellamy \_\_\_\_\_

4. Congress \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: The Following three words are spoken a lot by Americans and stated in the Pledge of Allegiance. How would you define these words? (hint: look at the context it is written in, in the Pledge of Allegiance).

5. Indivisible \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Liberty \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Justice \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Instructions: Penmanship was also very important at this time. Please write the following words in cursive. Use the alphabet below to help translate printed letters into cursive.

Our flag: \_\_\_\_\_

Red: \_\_\_\_\_

White: \_\_\_\_\_

Blue: \_\_\_\_\_

An eagle: \_\_\_\_\_

A *A* a *a* B *B* b *b* C *C* c *c* D *D* d *d* E *E* e *e* F *F* f *f* G *G* g *g*

H *H* h *h* I *I* i *i* J *J* j *j* K *K* k *k* L *L* l *l* M *M* m *m* N *N* n *n* O *O*

o *o* P *P* p *p* Q *Q* q *q* R *R* r *r* S *S* s *s* T *T* t *t* U *U* u *u* V *V* v *v*

W *W* w *w* X *X* x *x* Y *Y* y *y* Z *Z* z *z*

Sources:

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