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2016 Essay Contest

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What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America..."

This is what the Pledge of Allegiance means to me and my family. The Pledge of Allegiance means that people should be loyal, unified, obey the laws, respect other citizens and their properties, and love his or her country.

To be a good citizen, you need to not break the laws or be unsupportive of the government. Our country believes in freedom and fairness, which is shown through our justice system. Indivisible means we can't be divided; we are strong.

The Pledge of Allegiance means we have to be a good patriot. Patriots are people who love their country and have pride in their homeland.

In conclusion, the Pledge of Allegiance is a symbol of our nation, which represents citizenship, patriotism, justice, freedom and unity.

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What the Words in the Pledge of Allegiance Mean to Me

To me, the words in the Pledge of Allegiance symbolizes a free country. It symbolizes hard work and labor. It symbolizes the U. S. A. One of the words in the Pledge is Justice. Justice means fairness, and our men and women worked for it. Another word used is Liberty. Liberty means freedom, and we are a free country. There

is also a sentence that says, "one nation under God" which means we were united by God because we believe in Him. The Pledge all together equals a free, fair, religious, hard-working country. This is what the Pledge of Allegiance means to me.

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Isabelle - Thankful Citizen!

What the Words in the Pledge of Allegiance Mean to Me

The words in the Pledge of Allegiance mean a lot to me. When I stand up and start the Pledge of Allegiance, I always feel like there is a voice inside me saying, be loyal, care about the Flag, and the group of people who fought for the Flag. I try to be loyal everyday and to keep in mind that the United States of America Flag is important and always will be.

The Pledge of Allegiance means to be a good and loyal citizen. It also means to respect the United States of America and the Flag. Another reason is that you're making a promise when you say the Pledge of Allegiance and I will always stick to that promise.

When I'm finished doing the Pledge of Allegiance, I always think I'm writing or saying thank you to the group of people who fought for our Flag. I always wanted to thank them. When I do the Pledge of Allegiance, I feel like I am thanking them for all that they did and I like doing that.

The Pledge of Allegiance is an important part of me and it should be to everyone.
