

## Words Of Promise Answer Key

### Sample Responses

1. **"I pledge allegiance to the Flag"** - I promise to be loyal to my country and what the flag represents.
2. **"of the United States of America"** - It means this promise is for the entire nation of the United States.
3. **"and to the Republic for which it stands"** - The flag stands for our government, where people elect leaders and share in decision-making.
4. **"one Nation under God"** - It shows that we are one united country that values faith and moral responsibility.
5. **"indivisible"** - The country cannot be divided; we are meant to stand together even in hard times.
6. **"with liberty and justice for all"** - Everyone should have freedom and be treated fairly, no matter who they are.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Reading comprehension, **civic literacy**, and **interpretive language analysis**.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger or developing writers, discuss each phrase aloud before writing to model interpretation.
  - Advanced students can research when each phrase was added and how its meaning evolved over time.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Hold a class discussion where students share which phrase they think is most important and why.
  - Have students create illustrated posters showing their interpretation of one phrase.
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Compare the Pledge to other patriotic texts, such as the **Flag Code** or the **Star-Spangled Banner** lyrics.
  - Integrate cross-curricular learning by exploring the historical origins of the Pledge and the changes made since 1892.