



# Project C.O.L.E. Kit Patriotism (Grade 2)

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The Project COLE (Collection of Learning Enrichments) team from Benton Elementary has developed a Patriotism Unit for Second Grade. The complete kit comes in a three ring binder which includes: Teacher Information, Daily Lesson Plans, Activities, Books, a Video, Games, Assessments aligned with the Maine Learning Results and much more.

The Patriotism Unit may be taught at any time of the year, will take +/- one (1) week and covers the following:

- a) Pledge of Allegiance
- b) Classroom Rules
- c) United States Flag
- d) Citizen Rights and Responsibilities



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# Day #1: The Pledge of Allegiance

## Materials needed:

Book: The Pledge of Allegiance (Scholastic)  
information sheet about the pledge

Pledge To The Flag

handouts: The Pledge of Allegiance and  
The Meaning of the Pledge of  
Allegiance

a U.S. flag

**Time frame:** 30 – 45 minutes

Discussion:

**What is the pledge of allegiance?**

**When do we recite it?**

**Why do you think that we say it every day?**

Read: The Pledge of Allegiance (Scholastic)

Read only the pages involving the actual text of the pledge. (up to "in all.")

Discussion:

**Have you ever thought about where the pledge came from?**

Share the background information about the writing of the pledge. (information sheet and/or back cover of the book.)

Discussion:

**Have you ever wondered what the words really mean?**

Read the page in the book entitled **What Does the Pledge of Allegiance Mean?**

Read/discuss the handouts: The Pledge of Allegiance and The Meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review any unfamiliar vocabulary. (Ex: loyal, republic, freedom, liberty, indivisible, allegiance, government, pride, citizen, nation, promise, rights, symbol, respect, assembly, etc.)

Have them write, in their own words, what the pledge of allegiance means to them, and share their writings with their classmates.

Wrap-Up:

Invite the students to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance together as a group. Encourage them to think about what the words mean as they say them.