

America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain
For purple mountains majesties Above the fruited plain
America, America
God shed his grace on thee And crown thy good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

Written in 1917 by William Tyler Page of MD

The First Five Bill of Rights (Paraphrased)

(The first ten amendments added to the U.S. Constitution are called the Bill of Rights. The 4th Grade is doing first five Bill of Rights only.)

1. People have freedom of religion, speech, and press.
2. People have the right to keep guns.
3. People cannot be forced to keep soldiers in their homes.
4. No official can arrest or search a person or his home without a legal permit from a judge.
5. Persons accused of a capital crime or any other serious crime must be accused by a Grand jury. (A jury of 12 or 23 persons)

Paul Revere's Ride (First Stanza)

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in seventy-five; Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.
He said to his friend, "If the British march
By land or sea from the town tonight,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch
Of the North Church tower as a signal light;
One, if by land, and two, if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm
For the country folk to be up and to arm.

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Pledge of Allegiance

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.

The Star Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Words by Frances Scott Key

23 Counties in Maryland

NOTE: To complete the 23 Counties of Maryland requirement, you must be able to correctly locate and name the 23 counties of Maryland on the blank Maryland map provided in your Patriotic Program packet. There will be a blank map at the recitation station on which you will need to identify the counties.

Maryland's Twenty-three Counties

1. Allegany
2. Anne Arundel
3. Baltimore County (please mark Baltimore City separately)
4. Calvert
5. Caroline
6. Carroll
7. Cecil
8. Charles
9. Dorchester
10. Frederick
11. Garrett
12. Harford
13. Howard
14. Kent
15. Montgomery
16. Prince Georges
17. Queen Anne
18. Somerset
19. St. Mary's
20. Talbot
21. Washington
22. Wicomico
23. Worcester