

## **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 Bill of Rights (Paraphrased)**

(The first ten amendments added to the U.S. Constitution are called the Bill of Rights.)

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)
6. Any person accused of a crime has the right to a quick trial.
7. A jury trial shall be offered when a person sues another person.
8. Bail and fines that are unfair or too high are not allowed. Cruel and unusual punishments are not permitted.
9. The people have other rights in addition to those rights that are listed in the Constitution.
10. Powers not given to the Federal Government belong to the states.

## **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

## **Declaration of Independence**

(First two lines)

When, in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and assume, among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

## **The Preamble to the Constitution**

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## **Flag Etiquette**

1. When several flags are flown, the stars and stripes should be given top position on the flag pole.
2. The flag should be displayed only during daylight hours unless lighted during the hours of darkness.
3. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly.
4. Never fly the flag upside down.
5. The flag should never touch anything beneath it.
6. When facing the flag or when the flag is passing by (as in a parade), you should stand with your right hand over your heart.

## **The Presidents of the United States**

1. George Washington
2. John Adams
3. Thomas Jefferson
4. James Madison
5. James Monroe
6. John Quincy Adams
7. Andrew Jackson
8. Martin Van Buren
9. William Harrison
10. John Tyler
11. James Polk
12. Zachary Taylor
13. Millard Fillmore
14. Franklin Pierce
15. James Buchanan
16. Abraham Lincoln
17. Andrew Johnson
18. Ulysses S. Grant
19. Rutherford B. Hayes
20. James A. Garfield
21. Chester A. Arthur
22. Grover Cleveland
23. Benjamin Harrison
24. Grover Cleveland
25. William McKinley
26. Theodore Roosevelt
27. William H. Taft
28. Woodrow Wilson
29. Warren Harding
30. Calvin Coolidge
31. Herbert Hoover
32. Franklin D. Roosevelt
33. Harry S. Truman
34. Dwight D. Eisenhower
35. John F. Kennedy
36. Lyndon B. Johnson
37. Richard M. Nixon
38. Gerald Ford
39. James E. Carter
40. Ronald Reagan
41. George H. W. Bush
42. William J. Clinton
43. George W. Bush
44. Barack H. Obama

## **Gettysburg Address**

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground.

The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have anew birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

## **The 50 United States of America**

(in alphabetical order)

To complete the 50 U.S. States requirement, you must be able to correctly locate and name the 50 U.S. States on the blank U.S. map provided in this Patriotic Program packet (see next two pages).

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| 1. Alabama        | 26. Montana        |
| 2. Alaska         | 27. Nebraska       |
| 3. Arizona        | 28. Nevada         |
| 4. Arkansas       | 29. New Hampshire  |
| 5. California     | 30. New Jersey     |
| 6. Colorado       | 31. New Mexico     |
| 7. Connecticut    | 32. New York       |
| 8. Delaware       | 33. North Carolina |
| 9. Florida        | 34. North Dakota   |
| 10. Georgia       | 35. Ohio           |
| 11. Hawaii        | 36. Oklahoma       |
| 12. Idaho         | 37. Oregon         |
| 13. Illinois      | 38. Pennsylvania   |
| 14. Indiana       | 39. Rhode Island   |
| 15. Iowa          | 40. South Carolina |
| 16. Kansas        | 41. South Dakota   |
| 17. Kentucky      | 42. Tennessee      |
| 18. Louisiana     | 43. Texas          |
| 19. Maine         | 44. Utah           |
| 20. Maryland      | 45. Vermont        |
| 21. Massachusetts | 46. Virginia       |
| 22. Michigan      | 47. Washington     |
| 23. Minnesota     | 48. West Virginia  |
| 24. Mississippi   | 49. Wisconsin      |
| 25. Missouri      | 50. Wyoming        |