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# Patriotism

Learn more about this topic! Each section gives more detail on one of the lyrics from the song. Read each section, and then respond by answering the question or taking notes on key ideas.

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I pledge allegiance to the flag. You've probably heard that before. It's the first part of the Pledge of Allegiance. But what does it mean?

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The word pledge means to promise. Allegiance means standing up for and helping someone or something. The American flag represents the United States. So when you pledge allegiance to the flag, you're promising to support and help the United States.

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Loving, helping, and being proud of your country is called patriotism. Saying the Pledge of Allegiance is one way to show patriotism. Singing The Star-Spangled Banner is another way. This song is our national anthem. It represents pride and hope for our country. We also show patriotism when we celebrate holidays that honor important events in American history. Some examples are the Fourth of July, Juneteenth, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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The president of the United States is the person who runs our government. This is a very important job. Americans vote for the person they think would be best at this job. We also vote for people running for other government jobs, such as governor. A governor is the person who runs the state government. Each state has a governor.

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Americans are allowed to start voting at age 18. Voting is one of the most patriotic things we can do. It means we care about our country and its future.

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