



### The 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 Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. The original Pledge of Allegiance was published in the September 18<sup>th</sup> issue of the children's magazine, *The Youth's Companion*, to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in America. The original words to the pledge were: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The pledge was first recited in unison in the public schools on October 12, 1892.