

American Symbols and Celebrations Lesson Answer Key

The American Flag

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The American flag is an important symbol of the United States.

The flag has 13 red and white stripes.

The stripes represent the 13 original colonies.

There are 50 stars on the flag.

Each star represents a state.

Our national anthem is about the American flag.

The name of the national anthem is “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

The Star-Spangled Banner was written in 1814.

Saying the Pledge of Allegiance

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We show loyalty to the flag when we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

This means that we promise to be loyal to the United States.

When we say it, we stand, turn toward the flag, and put our right hand over our heart.

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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.

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Here are some special words from the pledge.

Practice these words with your teacher.

Match the words with the meanings.

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| 3 republic | 1. cannot be separated or divided |
| 5 pledge | 2. loyalty |
| 2 allegiance | 3. country where we elect our leaders |
| 1 indivisible | 4. freedom |
| 7 nation | 5. promise |
| 4 liberty | 6. fairness or equality |
| 6 justice | 7. country |

The Statue of Liberty

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The Statue of Liberty is a famous symbol of the United States.

The Statue of Liberty is in New York Harbor on Liberty Island.

In 1886, France gave the statue to the United States.

It was a symbol of friendship between France and the United States.

Millions of immigrants saw the statue when they arrived in America.

Today, the Statue of Liberty is a symbol of freedom and democracy.

National U.S. Holidays

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There are ten national U.S. holidays.

On these holidays, many people do not work.

Most banks, schools, and government offices are closed on national holidays.

These holidays honor an important person or an event in U.S. history.

For example, the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4.

Every year we celebrate Independence Day on July 4.

What is your favorite holiday? My favorite holiday is answers vary.

Why do you like it? Because answers vary.

Complete the Chart—Holidays

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Look at a calendar for this year.

Write each holiday on the chart below. Write the exact date for this year.

Memorial Day	Labor Day	✓ New Year's Day	Veterans Day
Columbus Day	Presidents' Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Independence Day	Christmas	Thanksgiving	

Month	Name of Holiday	Date of Holiday (answers vary according to current year)
January	New Year's Day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 1, 20__ January __, 20__
February	Presidents' Day	February __, 20__
March		
April		
May	Memorial Day	May __, 20__
June		
July	Independence Day	July 4, 20__
August		
September	Labor Day	September __, 20__
October	Columbus Day	October __, 20__
November	Veterans Day Thanksgiving	November 11, 20__ November __, 20__
December	Christmas	December 25, 20__

The Pledge of Allegiance

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Copy the Pledge of Allegiance.

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