SSCG16 Analyze the difference between involuntary and voluntary participation in civic life.

• 16c. Explain the meaning and history of 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

What are we saying when we say it?
I pledge allegiance…

What is a pledge?

• A pledge is a promise

Ever made a promise to someone? Ever had one made to you and broken? Why is it important to keep promises?
To pledge allegiance means to promise to be loyal or true to someone or something.

What and who are you are loyal to?

How are you loyal to them?

Source: Children in tulips - http://www.state.gov/kids/links/10058.htm
A symbol is something that stands for or represents something else.

The flag stands for our country.

What is a symbol?

A symbol is something that stands for or represents something else.

The flag stands for our country.

What other kinds of symbols can you think of?
*When we pledge allegiance to the flag, we are promising to be loyal and true to our country.

These children are saying the pledge.

What are they doing in their pledge that differs from how we say the pledge?

New York, New York students pledging allegiance to the flag in public school eight in an Italian-American section.
Source: Library of Congress – American Memory
of the United States of America...

*United means joined together. All of our states are joined together to make one country.

The people who live in our country are also united.

Source: Microsoft Office Clipart
What are the people in this picture doing?

They are voting!

Why do people vote?

*A republic is a country where people are free to vote and choose their representatives to make laws for them.

Barnesville, Maryland. A citizen leaving the voting booth at the community hall where he has just cast his vote in the general election. Source: Library of Congress – American Memory
for which it stands...

*The flag stands for our country and the freedom we have in our country.

Old glory
Source: Library of Congress – American Memory
One nation under God…

We are all part of the same nation or country.

We are one group of people.
Most people believe in God in some way.

Source: Microsoft Office Clipart
Indivisible...

*If something is indivisible, it cannot be divided into parts.
Even though we have 50 states, all 50 states are part of our country, the United States of America.
What does liberty mean?

*Liberty means freedom.

What are some freedoms we have in our country?
What are the people in this picture doing?

How does this represent freedom in our country?

Four adults and six children, from Passaic, N.J., picket the White House following President Coolidge's refusal to listen to their complaints about wage cuts in the textile industry.
What do you think justice is?

*Justice is fairness.

Can you think of a time when you were treated fairly or unfairly?
What is different about the people in these two pictures?

Freedom and fairness, or liberty and justice, is for everyone who lives in our country. The words “for all” mean everyone - young people, old people, people of all ethnic backgrounds, religious affiliations, or sexual preferences.

*Left: Children Beside School Bus Right: Citizens of Vale, Oregon take off their hats during the Pledge of Allegiance (radio program) on the Fourth of July.*

Source of Images: Library of Congress – American Memory
KEVIN, IT'S YOUR RIGHT NOT TO STAND FOR THE PLEDGE...

BUT LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE WHO CAN'T STAND BECAUSE HE WAS DEFENDING THAT RIGHT...
### Review

Use the words below to answer the questions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pledge</th>
<th>Liberty</th>
<th>United</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Republic</td>
<td>Justice</td>
<td>Indivisible</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1. Which word means promise?  
   - Pledge

2. Which word means joined together?  
   - United

3. Which word means a country where people choose their leaders?  
   - Republic

4. Which word means freedom?  
   - Liberty

5. Which word means cannot be divided into parts?  
   - Indivisible

6. Which word means fairness?  
   - Justice