

Persuasive Writing

Pledge to the Flag

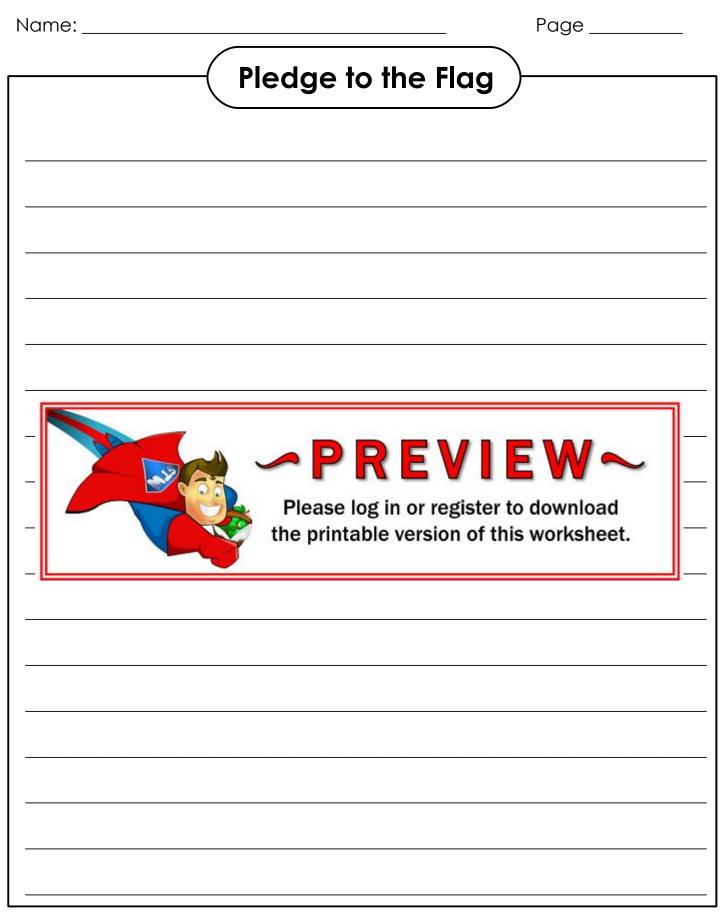
Do you agree or disagree with the statement below?

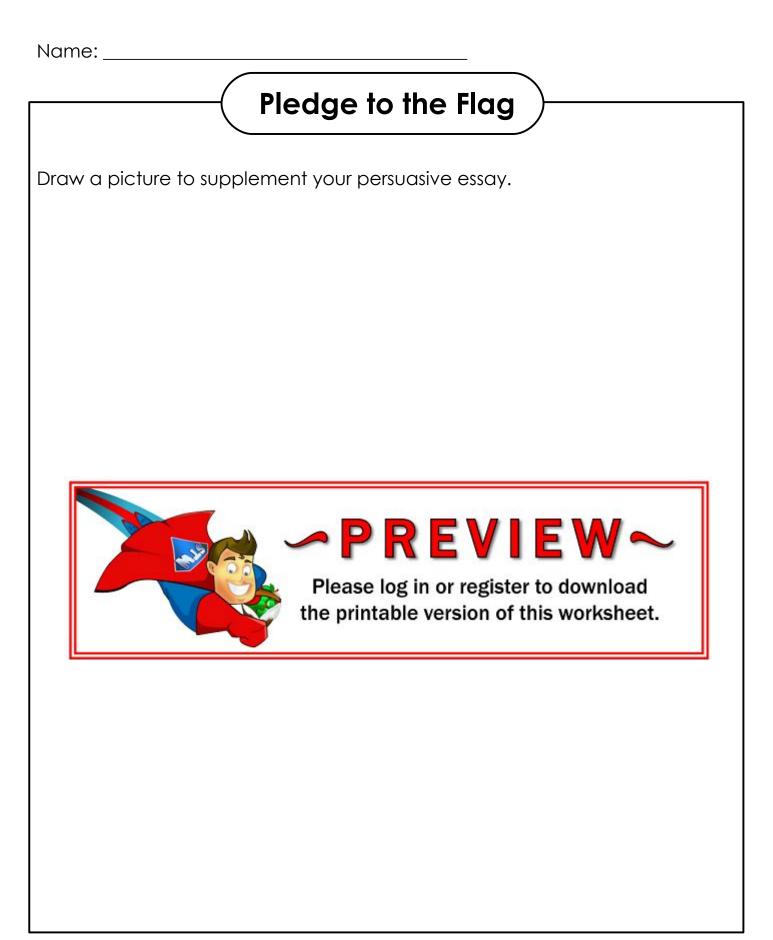
Students should be required to say the *Pledge of Allegiance* at the start of each school day.

State your opinion and use details to support your point of view.



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TEACHER NOTES

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Recommendations for Lesson:

Before presenting this persuasive writing prompt to students, you may choose to have a class discussion to present both sides of the issue.

Arguments in favor of saying the Pledge of Allegiance might include:

• The *Pledge* reminds people to reflect on the importance of freedom and liberty.



- Students in school usually say the pledge from rote memory, not from the heart.
- The phrase "one nation under God" is used in the pledge. People have the freedom to not believe in God if they choose.
- The *Pledge* takes up valuable classroom time each morning which could be better spent learning.

When writing their persuasive essays, students should be encouraged to include a topic sentence (or topic paragraph) stating their opinion, followed by persuasive details to support their point of view. Writers can also acknowledge the opinions of those who might have a different view, and follow up with an argument to make their case.