

# Writing Your Own Pledge

As we think about what it means to pledge allegiance to something that we believe in, write your own pledge to something that is important to you. Following the example of the U.S. pledge or an alternative pledge or oath, write your own pledge, promising to be true to something you believe in. Follow the same format; just change the words to fit the new pledge you are writing. As you choose your words, think of what they mean and how they affect the interpretation of your entire new pledge.

If you're having trouble getting started, here is a list of things that you can use if you want. Otherwise, have fun with your own idea.

Family	Friends	Learning
Your town	Your pet	The environment
Reading	Any sport	Yourself

Write your pledge below.

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Next, write a paragraph that reflects on this activity. Choose **one** of the ideas below or develop one of your own ideas.

1. Making a promise
2. Freedom to express ideas that are different
3. Making a choice to recite
4. The main character in the novel should pledge to . . . .
5. The other characters in the novel should understand that . . . .  
(or choose a specific character to focus on)

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