



The Patriot Challenge

At Patriot Camp we believe one of the most important things campers can take home with them from camp is a love for this wonderful country and the knowledge of our founding texts and heroes that made The United States what it is today. Such knowledge will empower citizens to recognize and fight for the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. Each year we offer a memorization challenge for all Patriot Camp participants. We invite ALL Patriot Campers & Teen Leaders to take the Patriot Challenge.

Important Things to Know:

- It is vital campers work on the Patriot Challenge at home. We will only be working on some of these items at camp.
- Campers can only pass off memorized items with designated leaders each day before and after camp at the Patriot Challenge table Monday through Thursday of Camp. No exceptions. As volunteers, we do not have the resources to accommodate it any other way. The Patriot Challenge is named a challenge, because it is just that, a challenge. We encourage campers to work on this throughout the year.
- The Patriot Challenge consists of 3 levels. We encourage campers to participate in all of them throughout their years at camp. We encourage them to come back year after year and memorize them all.
- Campers can only sign off each Patriot Challenge once (They cannot do the same challenge year after year).
- **For campers that require a school IEP please contact Laurie Wood, woody96@earthlink.com or 801-358-3070 before camp to make accommodations to some of these challenges.** (Please feel free to reach out to her for any other questions you may have regarding the Patriot Challenge.)
- **For campers with special needs, please go to our "[Adaptive Needs Patriot Challenge](#)."**
- Each challenge builds off of the others and becomes more challenging; the awards get more rewarding as well.
- At the beginning of camp, campers will notify the Patriot Challenge Table which challenge they are going to attempt to sign off.

Awards:

Each challenge comes with a charm that can be worn on a Patriot Challenge ID Tag. Most campers will not finish the Patriot Challenge the first years at camp, but they can wear their ID Tags each year to see how they are progressing. On Friday, each camper who completed the challenge will be recognized during closing ceremonies, given a certificate of achievement, and awarded the prize for that Challenge.

Upper level winners of the Patriot Challenge will have the chance to win a beautiful and patriotic blanket from Minky Couture. Start working on the challenge today! Thank you Minky for your generous donation!

Please see the following requirements for each Challenge:

Patriot Challenge 1

(Geared to a younger camper and the prize awarded is age appropriate for campers under 12 years of age)

National Anthem (first and last verse)

(first verse)

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(last verse)

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The Preamble to the Constitution

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Articles of the Constitution

Only the following:

1. Legislative Branch
2. Executive Branch
3. Judicial Branch
4. States' Powers
5. Amendments
6. Federal Powers
7. Ratification

Bill of Rights

1. Freedom of:
 - a. Religion
 - b. Speech
 - c. Press
 - d. Assembly
 - e. Petition
2. Right to bear arms
3. No quartering of soldiers
4. No unreasonable search & seizure
5. Right to remain silent
6. Right to a speedy trial by jury
7. Right to a speedy trial by jury in civil cases
8. No cruel or unusual punishments
9. Rights reserved to the people

10. Rights reserved to the states

The United States Pledge 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 Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

(a portion of what is commonly referred to as the preamble of the DOI)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Patriot Challenge 2

(Geared to older campers, yet can be achieved by any camper and the prize awarded is more substantial. This challenge is more in-depth and challenging.)

Must Memorize 1st Patriot Challenge and the following:

Summary of the Articles of the Constitution

Article 1

Legislative Branch – the U.S. Congress makes the laws for the United States. Congress has two parts, called “Houses,” the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Article 2

Executive Branch – the President, Vice-President, Cabinet, and Departments under the Cabinet Secretaries carry out the laws made by Congress.

Article 3

Judicial Branch – the Supreme Court decides court cases according to US Constitution. The courts under the Supreme Court decide criminal and civil court cases according to the correct federal, state, and local laws.

Article 4

States’ powers – States have the power to make and carry out their own laws. State laws that are related to the people and problems of their area. States respect other states laws and work together with other states to fix regional problems.

Article 5

Amendments – The Constitution can be changed. New amendments can be added to the US Constitution with the approval by a two-thirds vote in each house of Congress (67, 281) and three-fourth vote by the states (38).

Article 6

Federal powers – The Constitution and federal laws are higher than state and local laws. All laws must agree with the US Constitution.

Article 7

Ratification – The Constitution was presented to George Washington and the men at the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, Representatives from twelve out of the thirteen original states signed the Constitution. From September 1787 to July 1788, the states met, talked about, and finally voted to approve the Constitution.

Gettysburg Address

November 19, 1863

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Portion of Patrick Henry's Speech

St. John's Church – Richmond, Virginia

March 23, 1775

"There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations; and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come. It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Patriot Challenge 3

(Geared to the most advanced at Patriot Camp and its reward is on par with the difficulty and challenge.)

Must Memorize 1st & 2nd Patriot Challenges and the following:

Booker T Washington Quotes:

- I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed... Success is not measured by where you are in life, but the obstacles you've overcome.
- The happiest people are those who do the most for others. The most miserable are those who do the least.
- Think about it: we went into slavery pagans; we came out Christians. We went into slavery pieces of property; we came out American citizens. We went into slavery with chains clanking about our wrists; we came out with the American ballot in our hands.
- The older I grow, the more I am convinced that there is no education which one can get from books and costly apparatus that is equal to that which can be gotten from contact with great men and women.

Harriot Tubman Quotes:

- If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the woods, keep going. If there's shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going.
- I had reasoned this out in my mind, there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other.
- Lord, I'm going to hold steady on to You and You've got to see me through... 'Twas the Lord. I always told him, 'I trust to you. I don't know where to go or what to do, but I expect you to lead me,' and He always did.

Thomas Paine Quotes from Common Sense:

- Society in every state is a blessing, but government even in its best state is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer, or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer.
- But where, say some, is the King of America? I'll tell you, friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind like the Royal Brute of Great Britain... so far as we approve of monarchy, that in America the law is king.
- Our present condition is, Legislation without law; wisdom without a plan; a constitution without a name; and, what is strangely astonishing, perfect independence contending for dependence.

Thomas Paine

MAKING THE REVOLUTION: AMERICA, 1763-1791

"These are the times that try men's souls" American Crisis Number I. Thomas Paine These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: 'Tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to set a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared, that she has a right (not only to TAX) but "to BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner is not slavery, then is there not such a thing as slavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious, for so unlimited a power can belong only to GOD.

Patriot Challenge 4

(Geared to the most advanced at Patriot Camp and its reward is on par with the difficulty and challenge.)

Must Memorize 1st , 2nd , & 3rd Patriot Challenges and the following:

Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, July 3, 1776

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more. You will think me transported with enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure, that will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means. And that posterity will triumph in that day's transfiguration, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not."

Article from the Pennsylvania Evening Post from the 1st Anniversary of Independence

"Yesterday the 4th of July, being the anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, was celebrated in this city with demonstrations of joy and festivity," reported the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 5, 1777. "About noon all the armed ships and galleys in the river were drawn up before the city, dressed in the gayest manner, with the colors of the United States and streamers displayed." After each ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute (in honor of the 13 colonies), the festivities continued, including an elegant dinner, a military demonstration and a performance by a Hessian band. "The evening was closed with the ringing of bells," the Evening Post reported, "and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated."

The New Colossus by Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Ronald Reagan Quote

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

A Portion of the Emancipation Proclamation given by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863

“A Proclamation...That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom...And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons. And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages. And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service. And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Patriot Challenge 5

(Geared to the most advanced at Patriot Camp and its reward is on par with the difficulty and challenge.)

Must Memorize 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Patriot Challenges and the following:

George Washington Quote

“It is impossible to govern the world without God. It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly implore his protection and favor.”

Written Essay

Write a seven-paragraph opinion essay (minimum 1700-word count, 1” margins, and 12-point Times-New-Roman font). In your essay, tell us how you have come to learn, through the previously memorized Patriot Challenge requirements, that George Washington’s statement is true or not. Cite at least five of the requirements. AI should not be used in the writing of this essay. Essay is due at the conclusion of camp activities on the Thursday of camp-week.