Why We Gather

Students consider why two patriotic traditions matter and how to show respect.

1.SS.4.2 "Explain the importance of patriotic traditions and symbols, including the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, and respectful behavior during both."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE ONE

a	care	sleep	race
b	lost	sleepy	together
c	shout	stand	play
d	listen	run	talk

2 TELL WHY

Pledge

Anthem

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each row aloud and let students circle an answer. Then hear each student explain why the Pledge and the National Anthem matter. Allow think time, and record oral accuracy and any prompting separately.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · CIRCLE ONE

SAY "Listen to each question and the three choices. Circle the choice that answers the question."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Saying the Pledge of Allegiance can help us show how we feel about our country. The choices are care, sleep, and race. What can it help us show?	**care**
b	People may sing the National Anthem at an event. The choices are lost, sleepy, and together. How can singing the same song help people feel?	**together**
c	Your class is saying the Pledge. The choices are shout, stand, and play. Which action shows respect?	**stand**
d	The National Anthem begins. The choices are listen, run, and talk. Which action shows respect?	**listen**

PART 2 · TELL WHY

SAY "Tell me in your own words why the Pledge matters to people. Then tell me why the National Anthem matters to people. I will listen to each of you. Write one word from each answer in its box."

- Box 1 (beside Pledge): **A relevant word from the student's oral explanation, such as country or care.**
- Box 2 (beside Anthem): **A relevant word from the student's oral explanation, such as song or together.**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle answers, in order: care, together, stand, listen. Accept an oral explanation that connects each tradition to shared care for the country or to people coming together. Accept a relevant word from each explanation in the matching box.