



Our Early Flags

Ten flags have flown
over Pearl River,
Louisiana



Columbus claimed
the new world for Spain
in 1492

The first French explorer,
Sieur de LaSalle, took possession
of this area for France in 1682.



Treaty of Fountainbleau:
Louis XV gave Louisiana to
Spain, November 3, 1762.

French and Indian War:
Great Britain acquired parts of
Louisiana east of the Mississippi
from France and Spain in 1763.



Treaty of Paris:
Spain recovered the Florida
Parishes from Great Britain,
September 3, 1783.



Americans living in Spanish
Florida rebelled against Spain
and established
The Republic of West Florida
on September 24, 1810.

James Madison orders the
occupation of The West
Florida Republic on grounds
that it had been part of the
Louisiana Purchase on
December 20, 1810.



The Independent Louisiana:
Louisiana seceded from the
Union and proclaimed
sovereign power
on February 12, 1861.

Louisiana ratified the
Confederate constitution
and joined the CSA on
March 21, 1861.



After the Civil War,
Louisiana was taken back
into the Union on
April 9, 1865.

The Pledge of Allegiance

**"I pledge allegiance"
(I promise to be true)**

**"to the Flag"
(to the symbol of our country)**

**"of the United States of America"
(each state that has joined to make our country)**

**"and to the Republic"
(a Republic is a country where the people choose others
to make laws for them, the people)**

**"for which it stands,"
(the Flag means the country)**

**"one Nation"
(a single country)**

**"under God"
(the people believe in a supreme being)**

**"indivisible,"
(the country cannot be split into parts)**

**"with Liberty and Justice"
(with freedom and fairness)**

**"for all."
(for each person in the country....you and me!)**

The Pledge says you are promising to be true the United States of America!