**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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| **PRO** | **CON** |
| * **Many service members died protecting the freedom of US citizens.** | **Many people in our society are not treated fairly. They even died due to the color of their skin like many African Americans including Malcolm X and MLK.** |
| * **There were people who suffered or gave up their own safety or freedom to protect the rest of their community.** | **Many minority communities feel unsafe due to comments made by white supremecists.** |
| * **Even if we feel some people are treated unfairly, we cannot take the freedoms provided to us in the United States for granted.** | **Many people feel that African Americans and other ethnic groups are not treated fairly.** |
| * **The Pledge of Allegiance is a sign of respect.** | **Freedom of speech gives us certain rights.** |

**Write a summary for both the pro and con side (in your notebook).**

**Jot any wonderings or your thoughts in response to what you read.**

**Choose a non-fiction reading prompt to respond to and talk over with your partner.**