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## PRINCIPLES of AMERICANISM

The first thing we must take into consideration in speaking of the principles of Americanism is the definition or meaning of Americanism. "Americanism is American sympathies, nationality or citizenship; an American trait or usage; a word or idiom considered to have originated in or gained currency from American use; in all senses referring particularly to the United States."

We, as American citizens, do not consider it merely a word or idiom, or at least, we should not. It is more than aword; it i is a reality to us.Democracy, or Americanism, means much to us. All our freedom and pleasures depend on that one word, "Americanism." It is our very life; our way of life. We as Americans would not sacrifice it for

Russia's communism, Russia's socialism, Germany's facism, or any other "ism" or all of them put together. We are the freest and most independent people in the world, all because of our principles of Demogracy.

How manyof us would be willing to exchange places with people of any other country andtry living as they do awhile? If we were to try that, I am sure we would be more proud of our American way of life.

How can we show our appreciation to the founders of our ideals? How can we preserve these ideals? We can show our appreciation for them and preserve them by being patriotic phd doing our best during peace time as well as during war; by learning our English language and being able to use it correctly and forcefully; by appreciating our laws, abiding by them, and enforcing them; by supporting our nation in every way; by participating in county, state, and national elections to keep capable leaders in office.

If we pre proud of being real Americans let us show it. If we are not, I am afraid it is because we have not stopped to think what it means to us and to pll American.

CLASS MOTTO: He who would search for pearls must dive deep.

CLASS COLORS: White and Lavender.

CLASS FLOWER: White rose.