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Classmate 1

The Article "The pledge of allegiance has undergone many changes since it was first written. What does it mean to Americans today?" is about how the pledge of allegiance started and where it originated from. It goes through the pledge of allegiance that we know today and then it gives the age of it and why we started to stay it. It also goes into the history of it and how it was not written when America was found but was written before. It also tells us the first words that were said and how over the years it has changed to what we know now and the meaning behind the words. But it also goes to the extent of saying how it goes against our constitution and what that meant. It ended with the presidents Donald Trump and Barack Obama and how they thought and used the pledge of allegiance.

The speaker is the person that is trying to inform us about the pledge of allegiance and the history of it also, the occasion is just anytime and anywhere for the information, the audience is everyone not just one person, the subject is the pledge of allegiance and the changes that it has going through over the years, the purpose of the article is to inform everyone just like when he starts the article by saying that these might be the first words that you know by heart (Brown), and the tone of the article is very honest and informative because the writer is trying to give you as much information as he can but also not have an opinion in the matter. He brings a lot of people in the story that tell us what they think like Obama but he does not say what he thinks (Brown).

Classmate two

Bryan Brown wrote an article about the Pledge of Allegiance explaining what the original pledge was and how it has faced many changes and challenges overtime. Although through these changes the meaning still makes up the American identity. It was written by Francis Bellamy to honor Christopher Columbus's arrival to the Americas. (Brown p 20).The article is about the Pledge of Allegiance turning 125 this year and how throughout the changes, it still makes up the American identity. Brown's purpose in writing this article is to argue that the Pledge of Allegiance is central to the American Identity and unity. Brown talks about the additions of the words "under God" to the Pledge and how many Americans objected this at first because it was in violation of their rights. "Many Americans have objected to the phrase. In 2004, the Supreme Court heard an argument from an activist named Michael Newdow that "under God" violates the First Amendment's freedom from government-sponsored religion. But the Court unanimously rejected his suit." Though in the end, under God became part of the

pledge and part of the American Identity. It became as "natural as breathing." I think that Brown is targeting young Americans and students. This is an article for people interested in learning the history our Pledge of Allegiance and at the end of the article there are questions Brown assigned for students to answer. The tone of the article seems pretty casual or unbiased because Brown is not so much arguing or putting out opinions, but rather explaining the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and giving viewpoints.