



CITIZEN OATH

Being in agreement with the Founders that this Republic is the result of “Manifest Destiny” “I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will support the constitution of the United States.”

Furthermore, “I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) to bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and to serve them honestly and faithfully, against all their enemies or opposers whatsoever. So help me God.”

The background of the text area features a stylized American flag with stars and stripes, rendered in a light, semi-transparent style. The title "MANIFEST DESTINY" is centered over the top portion of the flag.

MANIFEST DESTINY

The Founders accepted the doctrine of “Manifest Destiny.” This placed upon the American people the responsibility of serving as the vanguard nation for a moral and political emancipation of all mankind. Freedom, education, and progress for all men were a common denominator in the thinking of early American leaders.

As John Adams wrote: “I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in Providence for the illumination of the ignorant, and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth.” (Quoted in Ernest Lee Tuveson, *Redeemer Nation*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974, p. 25.)

In the same spirit, James Madison wrote: “Happily for America, happily we trust for the whole human race, they (the Founders) pursued a new and more noble course.” (*Federalist Papers*, No. 14, p. 104.)