

American Trinity Platter

Supplies:

- Large white porcelain platter
- Pencil
- Paper
- Acrylic paint pens made for porcelain
- Oven

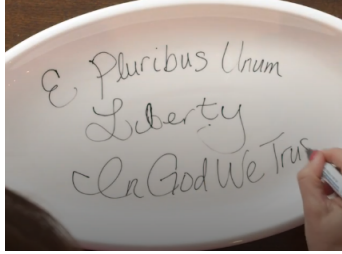

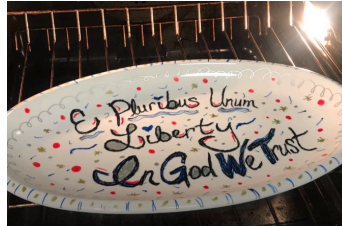



Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Practice writing the three American phrases on a piece of paper first to ensure correct spelling. <i>E Pluribus Unum</i>, <i>Liberty</i>, and <i>In God We Trust</i>.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Write the words in pencil on the platter, arranging them in a pleasing design. Next, select the desired colors to trace over the pencil.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Write "E Pluribus Unum" on the platter.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Write "Liberty" on the platter.</p>

Scan to watch episode:



	<p>Step 5: Write "In God We Trust" on the platter.</p>
	<p>Step 6: Use the other colored pens to decorate the rest of the platter. Allow the platter to dry completely.</p>
	<p>Step 7: With the assistance of an adult, heat the platter in the oven at 425°F for 30 minutes. Place the platter directly on the oven grate.</p>
	<p>Step 8: Turn off the oven and let the platter sit in the oven for an additional 30 minutes. Then, carefully remove the platter from the oven.</p>

What does *E Pluribus Unum* mean? This Latin phrase means "out of many, one." It was first created in 1776 when the original 13 colonies became a nation. It was one of America's first mottos. It signifies that no matter where people come from or what they look like, in America, we are all united as one.

Fun Facts:

- The American Trinity consists of three phrases that explain America's most important values: "Liberty," "In God We Trust," and "E Pluribus Unum."
- America is the only country that gives people the kind of liberty to work as hard as they want to be as successful as they can as individuals.
- In America, people are free to worship as they choose. The Declaration of Independence states that the American people are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This means no one can take away the rights we have because they come from God.

Extension Activity:

American Snack: Create a special snack to serve on the completed platter. One idea is to arrange strawberries, blueberries, and whipped cream in a way that resembles the American flag. Another option is to include a special family food, indicating that no matter where a person comes from, they are part of the American people.