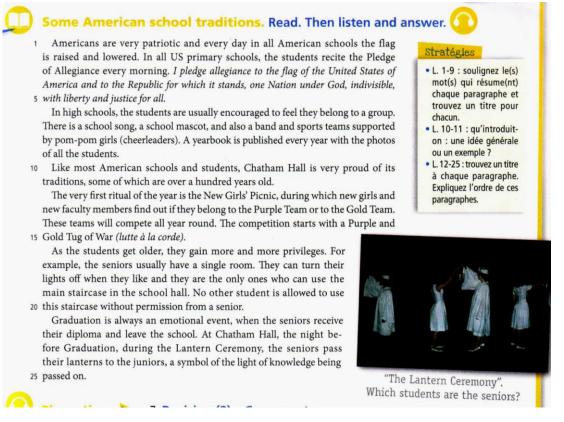
Tuesday ,January 6th

SOME AMERICAN SCHOOL TRADITIONS

Read and comment on each stanza (paragraph)



America is a patriotic nation, in the first stanza they speak about the Pledge of Allegiance a "phrase or a motto" that all the Primary school pupils say every day when they raise the flag of the United States.

In high schools students are encouraged to feel they **belong to** (appartiennent) a group (there are different ways to give them this feeling: a school song ,a school mascot, a band or also cheerleaders who support sports teams, they publish a yearbook with the photos of all the students.)

Chatham Hall is very proud of these old traditions.

The first ritual of the year is the New Girls' Picnic, where each girl learns which group she will belong to for the next four years: there are two teams the Purple Team and the Gold Team which compete all year round. The competition starts this very special day with a Purple and Gold <u>Tug of War</u>.

In the next paragraph we learn that unlike the freshman (1 year students), the seniors have privileges. They can turn off their lights when they want to and they are the only ones who can use the main staircase.

The last paragraph (stanza) deals with ceremonies: Graduation where seniors get their diploma and a big ceremony in Chatham Hall, which is called "the Lantern Ceremony". During the ceremony the senior pass the lantern to the juniors (the lantern is the symbol of <u>Knowledge</u> (Savoir) they give to the youngest).