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Discover America

Course 8 - Teacher Guide

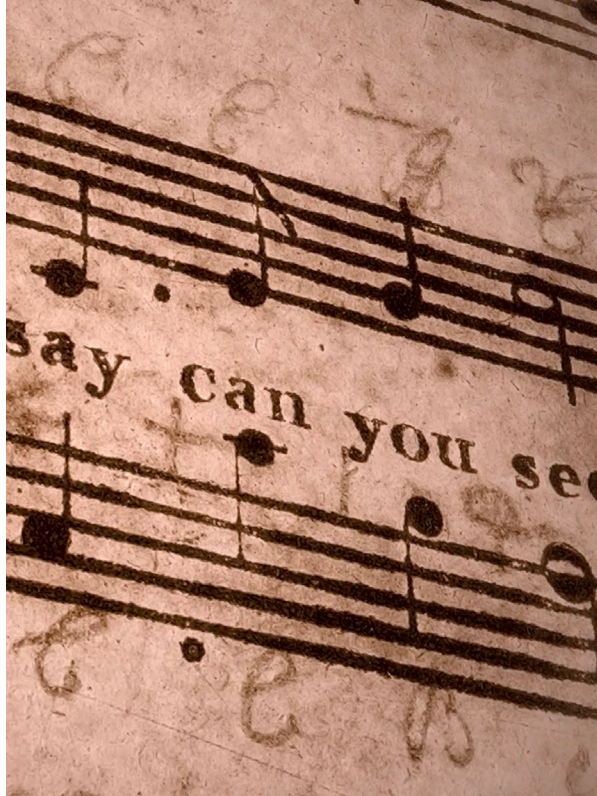


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Key Themes

- Freedom
- Bravery
- Sacrifice

Core Values

- Community
- Faith
- Life
- Liberty

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- State the name of America's national anthem.
- Explain who Francis Scott Key is and why he is important in American History.
- Detail the scene Francis Scott Key observed as he wrote the verses of The Star-Spangled Banner.



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Key Terms

- 01 **anthem** – a song of patriotism.
- 02 **ceased** – stopped.
- 03 **Fort McHenry** – two miles south of Baltimore where the British Navy attacked American troops.
- 04 **Francis Scott Key** – an American lawyer who wrote The Star-Spangled Banner while watching the fight happening at Fort McHenry.
- 05 **lyrics** – words in a song.
- 06 **The Star-Spangled Banner** – the United States' national anthem.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Did you know, our country has its own song?

Have you ever heard America's national anthem: **The Star-Spangled Banner**?

(allow students to respond)

An **anthem** is a song of patriotism. We often hear the national anthem played before a sports game. People stand up and put their hands over their hearts when they hear it.

WATCH

Star-Spangled Adventures Episode 8:
The National Anthem



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Introduction

TELL Students

The Star-Spangled Banner goes like this:

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that Star-Spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

You may know the words by heart, but it's just as important to know what they mean. Let's take a closer look at what was happening in America when "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written.

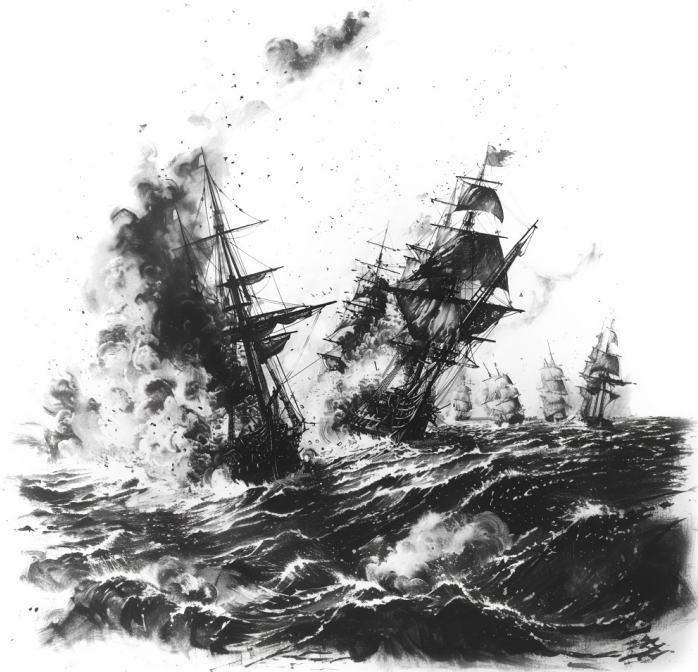
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Lesson

TELL Students

In 1812, the United States officially declared war against Britain. During the British attack on Fort McHenry, **Francis Scott Key**, an American lawyer, watched throughout the night and into the early morning as American troops bravely fought against the Royal Navy. **Fort McHenry** was the location American troops were located two miles south of Baltimore. On September 14, 1814, after failing to take over Fort McHenry, the navy **ceased** (stopped) fire and prepared to retreat.

As the next day dawned, Key could still see the American flag flying above Fort McHenry. If the flag had been removed or replaced with a British flag, that would have meant the fort had been captured. The sight of the American flag flying was a symbol of American pride.



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Lesson

TELL Students

While he was still on his ship watching the attack on Fort McHenry, Key wrote down lyrics which described his experience. **Lyrics** are words written in a song. Key's lyrics (which he did not title) were distributed by a local printer and then were published in newspapers as "The Defense of Fort McHenry." As a result, Key's firsthand account of the bravery he witnessed at Fort McHenry was shared with Americans far and wide.

ASK Students

Why do you think Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem "The Defense of Fort McHenry" after witnessing the events near Baltimore unfold?

(allow students to respond)

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Video:

The War of 1812



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Lesson

TELL Students

Let's take another look at the first verse:

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
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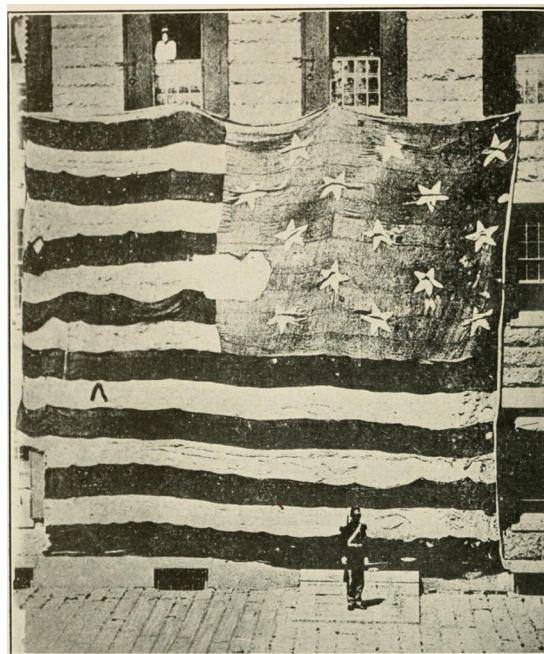
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Lesson

TELL Students

Key describes the American flag, with its “broad stripes” and “bright stars,” that flew over Fort McHenry. As night fell, it was not always clear that the American flag was still flying. Yet, from the glow of the “rocket’s red glare” and the “bombs bursting in air” he could see the American flag still waving. The only way he could tell if everything was alright at Fort McHenry was if the American flag was still flying high in the sky.

By November 1814, Francis Scott Key’s lyrics were printed and given the title: “The Star-Spangled Banner” – the name we know today. It was not until 1931, however, that Congress made “The Star-Spangled Banner” the official national anthem of the United States.



Fort McHenry Flag

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Lesson

TELL Students

KEY POINT: “The Star-Spangled Banner” serves as a reminder that no matter what challenges our nation faces, we will always find a way to stay strong. The American flag will continue to represent the courage and strength of Americans. So next time you hear The Star-Spangled Banner, take a moment to think about what it means to you as an American.

ASK Students

How does The Star-Spangled Banner make you feel as an American living in a free country?

(allow students to respond)

WATCH

Optional Course Videos:

Learn More With Liberty: General Robert Ross

Learn More With Liberty: The Treaty of Ghent

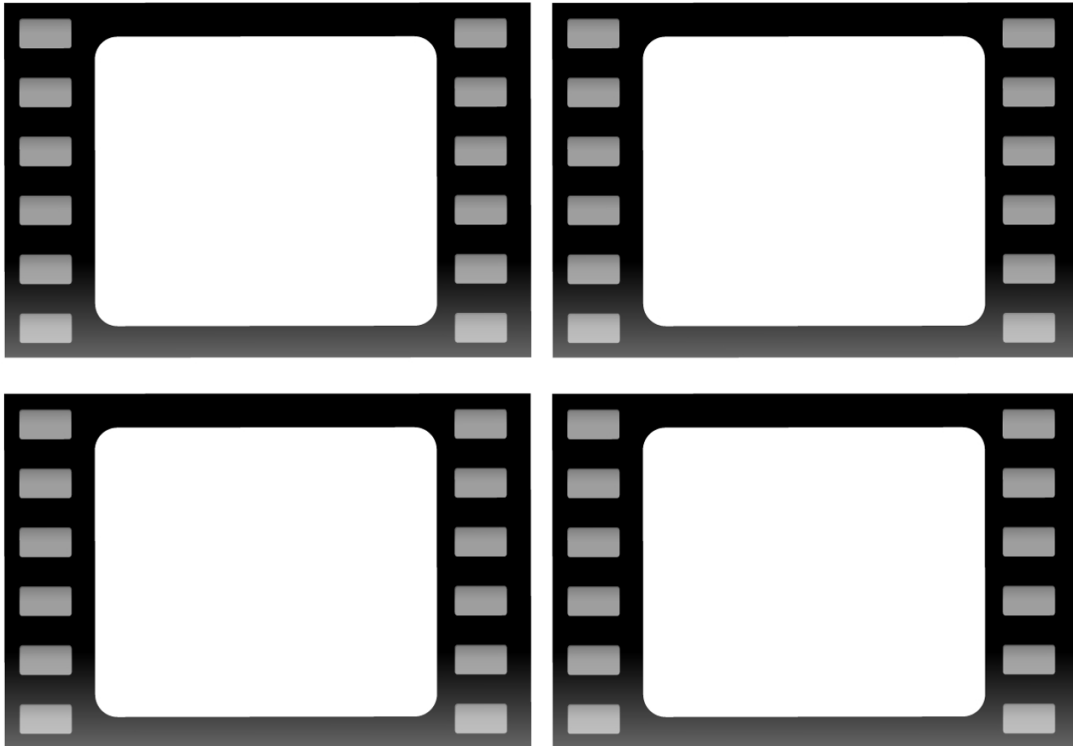


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Show What You Know!

DRAW four pictures and **WRITE** four sentences about the War of 1812 and/or the National Anthem.



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Assessment

- 01 In what year did the United States officially declare war against Britain?
- a) 1218
 - b) 1881
 - c) 1812
 - d) 1821
- 02 Who wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner?"
- a) Napoleon
 - b) James Madison
 - c) General William Hull
 - d) Francis Scott Key
- 03 During the attack on which city was Francis Scott Key watching everything take place from his ship?
- a) Baltimore
 - b) Fort McHenry
 - c) Washington D.C.
 - d) Brooklyn
- 04 On what date did the British Navy retreat from the attack on Fort McHenry?
- a) November 18, 1814
 - b) June 18, 1812
 - c) September 14, 1814
 - d) August 24, 1814
- 05 The lyrics which Francis Scott Key did not title were first distributed by a local printer and then were published in newspapers with the title _____.
- a) "The Defense of Fort McHenry"
 - b) "The Star-Spangled Banner"
 - c) "Francis Scott Key"
 - d) "The National Anthem"

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Assessment

- 06 In what year did Congress make “The Star-Spangled Banner” the official national anthem of the United States?
- a) 1812
 - b) 1814
 - c) 1890
 - d) 1931
- 07 How was Francis Scott Key able to tell that everything was alright during the attack on Fort McHenry?
- a) He saw the bombs bursting in air.
 - b) He saw the American flag flying in the sky.
 - c) He was able to negotiate a prisoner’s release.
 - d) He couldn’t tell at all.

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Assessment Key

- 01 **C)** 1812
- 02 **D)** Francis Scott Key
- 03 **B)** Fort McHenry
- 04 **C)** September 14, 1814
- 05 **A)** "The Defense of Fort McHenry"
- 06 **D)** 1931
- 07 **B)** He saw the American flag flying in the sky.

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Resource List

- 01 <https://www.history.com/topics/war-of-1812/war-of-1812>
- 02 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/battle-of-baltimore.htm>
- 03 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/the-bombardment-of-fort-mchenry.htm>
- 04 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/bombardment-of-fort-mchenry-pt-1.htm>
- 05 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/the-negotiation-for-dr-beanes.htm>
- 06 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/bombardment-of-fort-mchenry-pt-2.htm>
- 07 <https://bensguide.gpo.gov/j-Star-Spangled>
- 08 <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-story-behind-the-Star-Spangled-banner-149220970/>
- 09 <https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-Star-Spangled-banner>
- 10 <https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/the-Star-Spangled-banner>
- 11 <https://www.npr.org/2018/09/06/644991357/how-sports-met-the-Star-Spangled-banner>
- 12 <https://www.nps.gov/stsp/learn/historyculture/national-symbols-stories-icons.htm>
- 13 <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/jackie-robinson>

