

Discover America

Course 8 - Teacher Guide

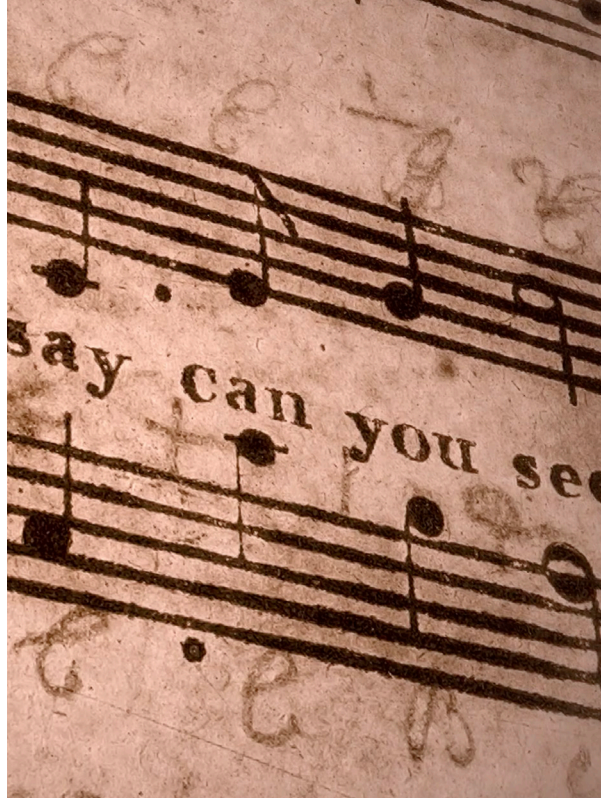


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Key Themes

- Freedom
- Bravery
- Sacrifice

Core Values

- Community
- Faith
- Life
- Liberty

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- State the name of America's national anthem.
- Tell what Francis Scott Key is remembered for in American History.



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Key Terms

- 01 **anthem** – a song of patriotism.
- 02 **Fort McHenry** – where American troops were located two miles south of Baltimore.
- 03 **Francis Scott Key** – an American lawyer who wrote The Star-Spangled Banner.
- 04 **lyrics** – words in a song.
- 05 **The Star-Spangled Banner** – the United States' national anthem.

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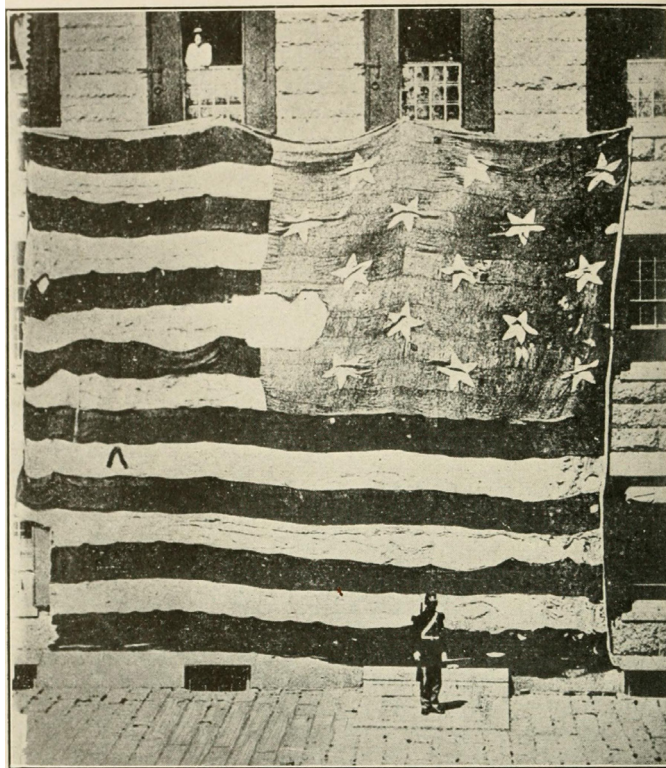
Introduction

ASK Students

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.



Fort McHenry Flag

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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 how "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written.

WATCH

Star-Spangled Adventures Episode 8:
The National Anthem



Scan Me!

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Lesson

TELL Students

On September 14, 1814, **Francis Scott Key**, an American lawyer, watched as American troops bravely defended Fort McHenry. **Fort McHenry** was the location American troops were located two miles south of Baltimore.

The next day, Key could still see the American flag flying high. If the flag was gone, that would have meant the fort had been captured. The sight of the American flag flying was a symbol of American pride.

Key wrote down lyrics that described what he saw. **Lyrics** are words written in a song. Key's lyrics were published in newspapers. As a result, Key's story of the bravery he saw at Fort McHenry was shared with Americans far and wide.

Let's take another look at the first verse:

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Lesson

TELL Students

Key describes the American flag, with its “broad stripes” and “bright stars.” Close your eyes. Can you picture the flag as you think about broad stripes and bright stars? The only way Key could tell if everything was alright was if he could see the American flag 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 “The Star-Spangled Banner” became the official national anthem of the United States.

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. 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

What do the American flag and The Star-Spangled Banner mean to you as an American?

(allow students to respond)

TRACING PRACTICE

National Anthem

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Cut & Match

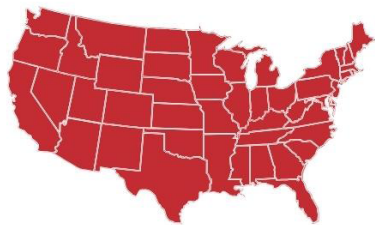
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- 01 <https://www.history.com/topics/war-of-1812/war-of-1812>
- 02 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/battle-of-baltimore.htm>
- 03 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/the-bombardment-of-fort-mchenry.htm>
- 04 <https://www.nps.gov/fomc/learn/historyculture/bombardment-of-fort-mchenry-pt-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>
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