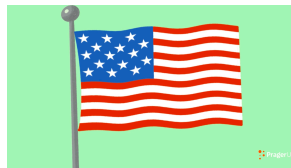


Warm-Up Activity

The Star-Spangled Banner Lyrics

Test your knowledge; fill in as many blanks as you can!

O, say, can you _____, by the dawn's early _____,
 What so _____ we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
 Whose broad _____ and bright _____ through the perilous fight
 O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly _____?
 And the _____' red glare, the _____ bursting in air
 Gave _____ through the night that our _____ was still there
 O say does that _____ - _____ yet _____
 O'er the _____ of _____ and the _____ of the _____?



Score: # correct ____ out of 18

Word Bank

France	negotiate	Washington City	James Madison
1812	Revolutionary War	Napoleon	Constitution
Fort McHenry	British	prisoner negotiations	kidnapped
Baltimore	War of 1812	Baltimore Harbor	

Fill in the blanks using the word bank.

- America had been fighting against the _____ for two years. Their opponent even burned down America's new capital, _____, including the capitol building itself and the President's mansion.



2. When Leo and Layla meet Francis Scott Key, America had already won independence from Britain 31 years prior after victory in the _____, but they fought again in the _____.
3. The British were in a massive war against their arch-nemesis, _____, who were led by the military genius, _____.
4. Since the British needed all the help they could get to defeat their opponent, they _____ American sailors and forced them to fight for the British navy.
5. The President during this time, _____, also known as the Father of the _____, decided America needed to stand up for itself. So, in _____, they declared war on Great Britain and began the fight.
6. Francis Scott Key was sent to a ship in the _____ to _____ the release of an American prisoner.
7. The British had over 50 ships carrying thousands of troops, attacking _____ for a couple of days, and had plans to conquer the city of _____.
8. Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" poem on the back of a letter he used in the _____.

9. What was Francis Scott Key's poem first titled, and why was it changed?

10. How did they know who was victorious in the Battle of Baltimore?

11. Why were there 15 stars and stripes on the American flag during the War of 1812?

12. How many stars are on the American flag **now**, and why?

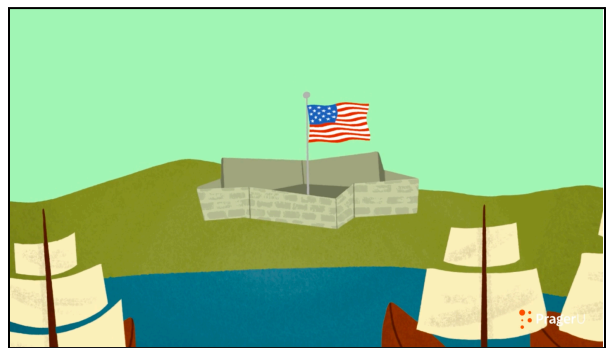
13. **Making Connections:** Francis Scott Key was inspired to write a beautiful, patriotic poem during a terrifying and dangerous battle.

- a. What inspired Francis Scott Key to write The Star-Spangled Banner?

b. What does “the land of the free and the home of the brave” mean to you?

c. What does the American flag symbolize to you? How does it inspire you?

d. How does the story of Francis Scott Key inspire you to remain positive during difficult situations?



Francis Scott Key | Worksheet Answer Key

Check Warm-Up Activity for completion.

Warm-Up Activity

The Star-Spangled Banner Lyrics

O, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' 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 free and the home of the brave?

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2. When Leo and Layla meet Francis Scott Key, America had already won independence from Britain 31 years prior after victory in the Revolutionary War, but they fought again in the War of 1812.
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9. What was Francis Scott Key’s poem first titled, and why was it changed?

The poem was first titled “*Defence of Fort McHenry*” and then changed to “*The Star-Spangled Banner*” because that was what people started calling the flag that survived the Battle of Baltimore Harbor.

10. How did they know who was victorious in the battle?

In the morning, they would know who was victorious by which flag was flying above the fort.

11. Why were there 15 stars and stripes on the American flag during the War of 1812?

That’s how many states America currently had at this time. The design would shift as different states were added to the Union.

12. How many stars are on the American flag **now**, and why?

There are currently 50 stars on the American flag because there are 50 states in the U.S.

13. **Making Connections:** Francis Scott Key was inspired to write a beautiful, patriotic poem during a terrifying and dangerous battle.

- a. What inspired Francis Scott Key to write The Star-Spangled Banner?

Student answers will vary – evaluate based on grade level. Francis Scott Key was inspired by the beauty of the American flag flying, which was still standing the next morning after a long night of fighting. It meant America was victorious in the Battle of Baltimore. He wanted to document the moment and turned his notes into a patriotic poem.

- b. What do you think “the land of the free and the home of the brave” means?

Student answers will vary – evaluate based on grade level. I think the land of the free and the home of the brave means...

- c. What does the American flag symbolize to you? How does it inspire you?

Student answers will vary – evaluate based on grade level. The American flag symbolizes freedom, bravery, and our amazing country, which is comprised of 50 states. It inspires me to feel thankful for my country.

- d. How does the story of Francis Scott Key inspire you to remain positive during difficult situations?

Student answers will vary – evaluate based on grade level. Students should include a personal example.