

## ***Star Spangled Banner* Information Sheet**

### ***The Star Spangled Banner: The Story & the Song***

### **How Much Do You Know About Our National Anthem?**

First, fill out this information sheet by reading the questions and writing the letters that represent your answers in the first column. After watching *The Star Spangled Banner: The Story of Our National Anthem* video, try to answer the questions again using the second column. Try to answer each question. After, you'll have the opportunity to check your answers.

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| <p><b>1.</b> Our National Anthem, <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i>, was written during which war?</p> <p><b>A.</b> the American Revolution<br/><b>B.</b> the War of 1812<br/><b>C.</b> the Civil War<br/><b>D.</b> World War I</p>                                   |  |  |
| <p><b>2.</b> Who was the lawyer who wrote the lyrics to <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> while watching a battle from a ship?</p> <p><b>A.</b> Francis Scott Key<br/><b>B.</b> Major George Armistead<br/><b>C.</b> Thomas Carr<br/><b>D.</b> Dr. William Beanes</p> |  |  |

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| <p><b>3.</b> Why did the War of 1812 start?</p> <p><b>A.</b> The British were seizing American merchant ships and their cargo.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The British were forcing American sailors to be British sailors.</p> <p><b>C.</b> The British were thought to be encouraging Native Americans in to attack U.S. frontier settlements.</p> <p><b>D.</b> All of the above</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>4.</b> Who was President of the United States during the War of 1812?</p> <p><b>A.</b> George Washington</p> <p><b>B.</b> Thomas Jefferson</p> <p><b>C.</b> John Adams</p> <p><b>D.</b> James Madison</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>5.</b> What city was protected by Fort McHenry, a fort that was built in the shape of a five-pointed star?</p> <p><b>A.</b> Baltimore, Maryland</p> <p><b>B.</b> Washington, D.C.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</p> <p><b>D.</b> New York, New York</p>   |  |  |
| <p><b>6.</b> What is a <b>rampart</b>?</p> <p><b>A.</b> a canon</p> <p><b>B.</b> a battlefield</p> <p><b>C.</b> a low dirt wall surrounding a fort</p> <p><b>D.</b> a lookout tower</p>   |  |  |

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| <p><b>7.</b> What did Major George Armistead from Fort McHenry ask Mary Pickersgill to make so that the even British could see it from a great distance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> a very large canon</li> <li><b>B.</b> a very large rampart</li> <li><b>C.</b> a very large flag</li> <li><b>D.</b> a very large ship</li> </ul> |  |  |
| <p><b>8.</b> How many stars and stripes did the original Fort McHenry flag have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> 15 stars and 15 stripes</li> <li><b>B.</b> 13 stars and 13 stripes</li> <li><b>C.</b> 50 stars and 13 stripes</li> <li><b>D.</b> 50 stars and 50 stripes</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| <p><b>9.</b> What city did the British burn, forcing the President to flee?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> Baltimore, Maryland</li> <li><b>B.</b> Washington, D.C.</li> <li><b>C.</b> Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</li> <li><b>D.</b> New York, New York</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| <p><b>10.</b> What time of day did the battle begin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> Dawn</li> <li><b>B.</b> Noon</li> <li><b>C.</b> Twilight</li> <li><b>D.</b> Midnight</li> </ul>   |  |  |

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| <p><b>11.</b> How long did the battle last?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> 5 hours</li> <li><b>B.</b> 10 hours</li> <li><b>C.</b> 15 hours</li> <li><b>D.</b> 25 hours</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <p><b>12.</b> What did Francis Scott Key see when the British were attacking Fort McHenry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> Rockets' red glare</li> <li><b>B.</b> Bombs bursting in air</li> <li><b>C.</b> Both the rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air</li> <li><b>D.</b> Blue-white explosions of missiles</li> </ul> |  |  |
| <p><b>13.</b> What time of day did the battle end?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> Dawn</li> <li><b>B.</b> Noon</li> <li><b>C.</b> Twilight</li> <li><b>D.</b> Midnight</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <p><b>14.</b> How many verses did Key's original poem have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> 1</li> <li><b>B.</b> 2</li> <li><b>C.</b> 3</li> <li><b>D.</b> 4</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| <p><b>15.</b> In what year did Congress make <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> the official national anthem of the United States?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A.</b> 1814</li> <li><b>B.</b> 1889</li> <li><b>C.</b> 1917</li> <li><b>D.</b> 1931</li> </ul>   |  |  |