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| A Nation's Songs |
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| **Activity****PAGE 1**

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| 1. Take a look at the article, "The Star Spangled Banner." Why was Frances Scott Key, an American, aboard a British ship during the battle that inspired the poem, "Defense of Fort McHenry"?* Key was a soldier who had been part of an invasion of the British ship.
* Key was representing the U.S. in negotiations for bringing a war to a close.
* Key was on the ship to negotiate with British officers on behalf of the U.S.
* Key was on the ship because he was cooperating with the British during the war.
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2. According to the article called "The Star Spangled Banner," what are the arguments for and against "The Star Spangled Banner" as a national anthem? Drag each correct answer to the correct category.The song has a stirring melody.The song is about a little-known war.The song is about a war with a current U.S. ally.The song is difficult to remember and sing.The song has patriotic lyrics.

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| A:Argument in Favor of the Anthem | B:Argument Against the Anthem |
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3. Think about the article, "The Star Spangled Banner." Drag the events from the article to put them in the correct order.**1.****2.****3.****4.** Key's poem, "Defense of Fort McHenry," was printed in a Baltimore newspaper. Key's poem, "Defense of Fort McHenry," was set to music. Congress adopted "The Star Spangled Banner" as the U.S. national anthem. "The Star Spangled Banner" was first played at military occasions and sporting events.

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| 4. Take a look at the article, "The Star Spangled Banner." Why did the author include some of the song's lyrics in the opening of the article?* To give the reader an example of lyrics that are probably unfamiliar
* To compare the lyrics with the words in other patriotic songs
* To help the reader make a connection with the topic of the article
* To explain what those particular lyrics mean in the context of a song
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| 5. Take a look at "A Guide to U.S. Service Songs." What is the purpose of battlefield songs?* To increase morale in times of war
* To alert the enemy of the approaching troops
* To celebrate in times of victory
* To decrease the enemy's confidence prior to battle
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| 6. According to "A Guide to U.S. Service Songs," "The U.S. Air Force" song includes these lines: *Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,* *Sent it high into the blue*What must be meant by a "crate of thunder"?* A plane
* A cloud
* The sky
* A soldier
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**PAGE 2**7.Take a look at the article, "The Star Spangled Banner." Summarize the events that led up to the War of 1812.8.Take a look at "A Guide to U.S. Service Songs." You have read the lyrics of several military songs. What do they seem to have in common?9.Take a look at "A Guide to U.S. Service Songs." What musical characteristics do these songs have in common? |