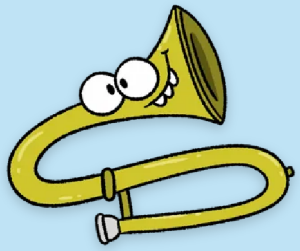
The Star-Spangled Banner



Read how our national anthem was written. Then fill in the missing words of the first lines. Use the word bank.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

The story

- In 1814, Francis Scott Key watched a battle at Fort McHenry in Baltimore. In the morning, the American flag was still flying.
- He wrote a poem about it. The poem became a song, and in 1931 it became our national anthem.

Word bank

ramparts · light · streaming · gleaming · stars · stripes

O say can you see, by the dawn's early _____ , What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last _____ , Whose broad _____ and bright _____ through the perilous fight, O'er the _____ we watched, were so gallantly _____ ?

How do people show respect when the anthem plays?

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