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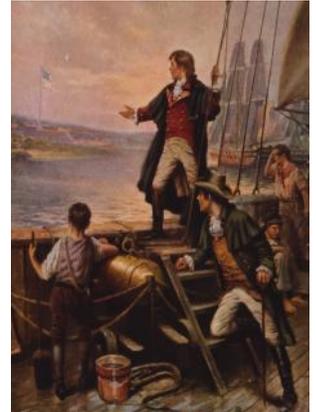
The Star-Spangled Banner

In 1814, during a battle in the War of 1812, a lawyer named Francis Scott Key watched as British ships attacked Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. All night, the sky lit up with rockets and bombs. Francis worried the fort might fall.

When the sun rose the next morning, he was amazed. The American flag, with its stars and stripes, was still flying proudly over the fort. This sight inspired Francis to write a poem called "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Later, the poem was set to music, and it became America's national anthem. Today, people sing it at schools, sports games, and special events to show pride in the United States.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a) Francis Scott Key was a lawyer.
 - b) Rockets and bombs lit up the night sky.
 - c) The Star-Spangled Banner tells the story of America's flag during a battle.
 - d) The British ships attacked Baltimore.
2. Which happened first?
 - a) People sang the national anthem at sports games.
 - b) The flag was still flying over the fort.
 - c) British ships attacked Fort McHenry.
 - d) Francis Scott Key wrote a poem.
3. Why did Francis Scott Key write "The Star-Spangled Banner"?
 - a) He saw rockets and bombs in the sky.
 - b) He was proud that the American flag was still flying.
 - c) He wanted to become famous.
 - d) He wanted to help the British.
4. Why do people sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at special events today?
 - a) To remember the War of 1812
 - b) To honor Francis Scott Key
 - c) To show pride in the United States
 - d) To learn about history



Francis Scott Key seeing the flag still flying.