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## The Star-Spangled Banner

**Directions:** Read the paragraph below. Use the glossary to fill in the blanks.

### GLOSSARY

**anthem:** a rousing song identified with a particular group, body or cause.

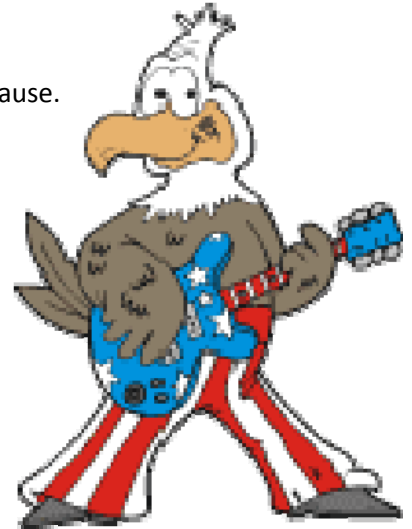
**bombardment:** a continuous attack with bombs.

**lyrics:** the words to a song.

**originally:** from the beginning, from the first.

**patriotic:** love of and support for one's country.

**witness:** to see an event take place.



The national \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States is called "The  
**Star-Spangled Banner**". The \_\_\_\_\_ were  
\_\_\_\_\_ a poem called the "Defense of Fort  
McHenry", written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key after he  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Fort McHenry by British ships during the War of 1812. The poem  
was set to the tune of a popular British song which was already  
popular in the United States. "The Star-Spangled Banner" soon  
became a well-known American \_\_\_\_\_ song.