

# War of 1812

## Language Arts Activities



### WRITING

1. Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" during an attack on Fort Mchenry. In your own words, write the story of how our national anthem was inspired that night during the Battle of Baltimore.
2. Pretend you are a news reporter for a Baltimore newspaper. Write a newspaper article about the events at Fort Mchenry. Be sure to use objective facts as a news article would.
3. There were many important figures during the War of 1812. Choose from one of the following and write a two paragraph biography of him or her. Be sure to include a printed or hand drawn picture of the person you choose.

President James Madison  
First Lady Dolley Madison  
Tecumseh

William Henry Harrison  
Francis Scott Key  
Colonel John S. Skinner

### VISUAL ARTS

1. During the War of 1812, the American Warship Constitution withstood British cannonballs during a battle of the coast of Nova Scotia. Draw and color a picture of the famous warship which was nicknamed "Old Ironsides".

2. Tecumseh, a Shawnee Indian Leader, was killed at the Battle of Thames, 1813. Draw and color an 8 1/2 x 11 picture of this proud Native American.

## MUSIC

1. "The Star Spangled Banner", our national anthem, was written during this war at the Battle of Baltimore. Learn to play this song on any instrument for the class.
2. Learn the sign language for "The Star Spangled Banner" and perform it in front of our class to the first verse.

## TECHNOLOGY

1. The White House was burned down during the War of 1812. Go the White House web site and choose your favorite room. Describe in two paragraphs the details of this room including the artifacts found there.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house/interactive-tour>

