THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER INTERNET ASSIGNMENT

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Go to: http://americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/

Click on "War." Read the section on the War of 1812.

1. Though most Americans know little about the War of 1812, why is it important?

Click "Next: The Capital Captured"

2. On what date was the White House and Capitol burned?

Click "Next: Baltimore in the Balance"

3. What was the name of the fort that guarded the port of Baltimore?

Click "Next: A Moment of Triumph"

4. What inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star-Spangled Banner?

Click "Next: Making the Flag"

5. Who was contracted to make the flags for Ft. McHenry? How big were the flags?

Click "Next: Family Keepsake"

6. Initially, what happened to the "big" flag?

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Click “Next: National Treasure”

7. When Appleton donated the flag to the government, what was his wish for it?

Click “Next: Preservation Project”

8. In what year did the Smithsonian Institute decide to begin an elaborate conservation effort to save the Star-Spangled Banner (the big flag)?

9. Read through the 15 steps that were used to refurbish the flag. How was the dirt embedded into the fibers of the flag removed without damaging the flag? Today, how is the flag displayed at the Smithsonian’s American History Museum?

Click on “Song.”

10. Who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner? How many verses were in the original version (the poem) written in 1814?

Click on “Song = The Melody”

11. What music was added to the poem to create the song?

Click on “Next: National Anthem”

12. In what year was the Star-Spangled Banner named the national anthem?

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