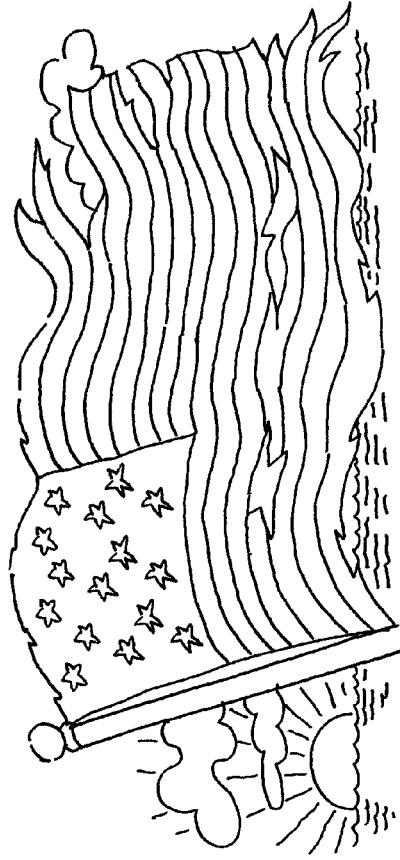


As the morning sun started to shine, the
smoke lifted. Francis Scott Key could see
the flag clearly now. It was red, white,
and blue! America had won the battle!

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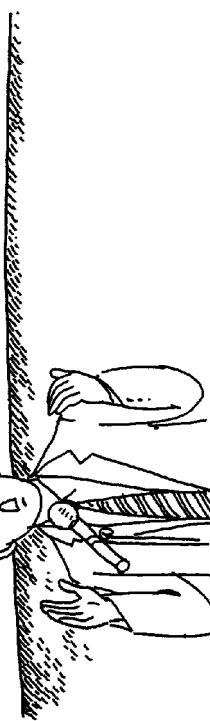
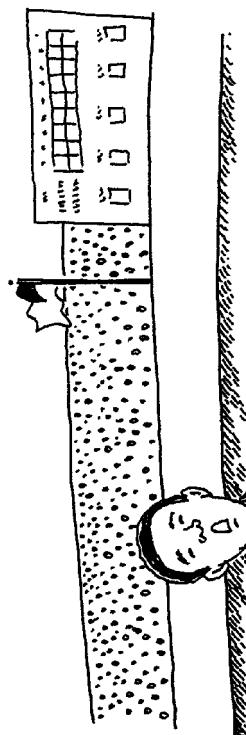


At that time, the War of 1812 was going
on. America was fighting against England.
One night, Francis Scott Key sat in a boat.
He watched British ships fire their guns.

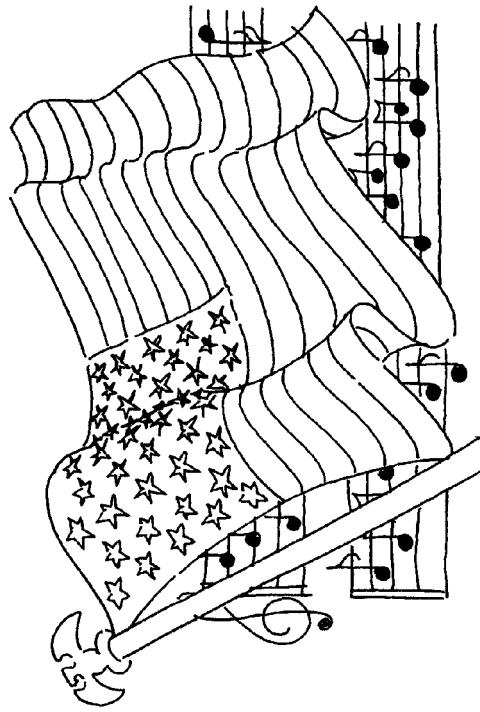
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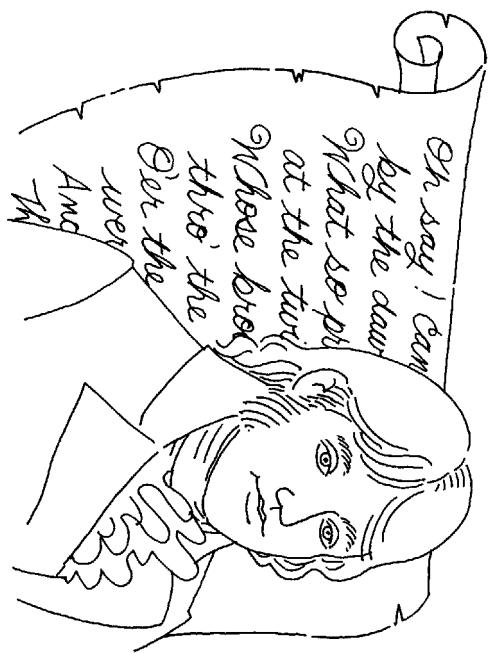


Americans sing the anthem at ball games
and other sports events. They play it on
national holidays. We feel proud when
we hear "The Star-Spangled Banner."



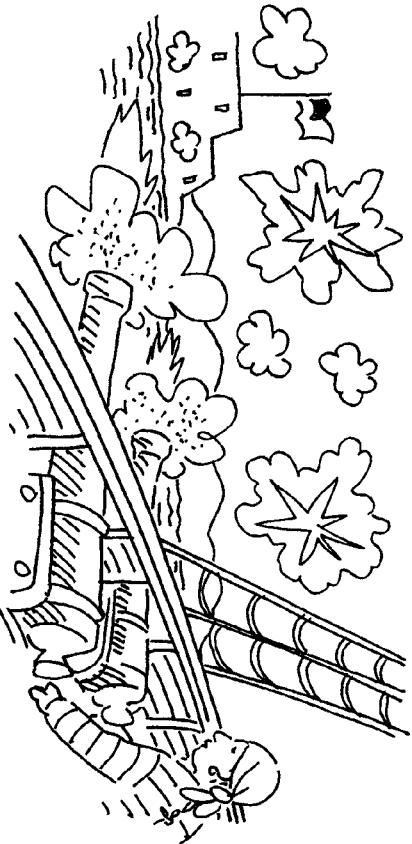
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“The Star-Spangled Banner” is our country’s national anthem. It is the song that stands for America. A man named Francis Scott Key wrote it in 1814.



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The British were shooting at Fort McHenry in Maryland. Francis Scott Key could not help his country. He could only watch while it was attacked.



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All through the night, British guns fired. By morning, the gunfire stopped. Francis looked across the water at the fort. He could not tell whose flag he saw there.



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Francis felt proud of America. He wrote a poem on the back of an envelope. His poem became famous. In 1931, Congress declared it our country’s national anthem.

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