



Star-Spangled Banner Virtual Field Trip Questions

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Fort McHenry

1) How many people lived in Baltimore in 1812?

2) When was the City of Baltimore established and why?

3) Who was Fort McHenry named after? What did they do?

4) When did the War of 1812 begin, and between whom?

5) In 1814, where did the British set their eyes on?

6) Why did the British burn Washington, D.C.?

7) How many soldiers landed east of Baltimore in September 1814?

8) What was one of the lasting legacies of the Battle of Fort McHenry?

9) What was the name of the escaped slave that enrolled in the Army at Fort McHenry that Tim Ertel mentions?



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Civilians during the War of 1812

1) What was Hampton National Historic Site before it became part of the National Park Service?

2) What is the name of the family who owned and constructed Hampton?

3) How large was the estate at its height in 1829?

4) How did the Hampton Plantation help in the War of 1812?

5) How long did it take to build the home?

6) What style architecture is the home?

Slavery in Early America

1) What types of workers were employed to build the house at Hampton?

2) Where did the owners of Hampton wealth come from?

3) What roles did slaves play at Hampton (types of jobs)?

4) How many slaves were at Hampton at the height of its operation?



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5) What does working plantation mean?

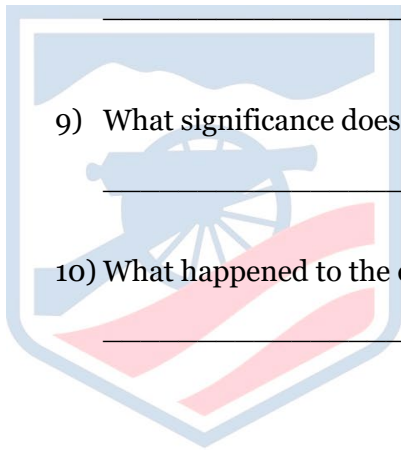
6) Were the enslaved workers at Hampton allowed to get married? Why or why not?

7) What are slave quarters and what are their purpose?

8) Which house is the oldest house at Hampton?

9) What significance does the bell have?

10) What happened to the enslaved population after they gained their freedom?



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The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House

1) Where did the idea for the flag come from?

2) Who owned the shop that produced the Star-Spangled Banner, and what made them unique in the early 19th century?

3) What was one status symbol inside of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House?



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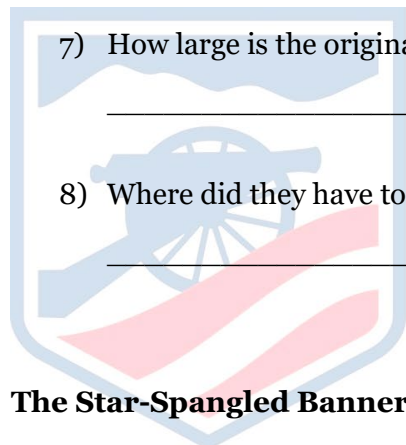
4) The creators of the flag wanted the British to have no problem doing what when they viewed it?

5) How much did the large garrison cost to create?

6) How many people lived in the Star-Spangled Banner House and worked on the flag?

7) How large is the original Star-Spangled Banner (dimensions)?

8) Where did they have to take the flag to finish working on it?



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The Star-Spangled Banner

1) What are two things that most visitors know about Fort McHenry?

2) What song were they playing when they raised the flag on the morning of September 14, 1814?

3) What is the question that Francis Scott Key asks at the opening of our National Anthem?

4) Why are there two flags with different sizes?



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5) Which type of flag is flown during adverse weather?

6) How far did the sound of the bombardment of Fort McHenry carry?

7) Who was the commander of Fort McHenry taunting by raising the garrison flag on the morning of September 14, 1814?

8) What non-federal holiday does Baltimore celebrate every September?

Francis Scott Key

1) Who was Francis Scott Key & why is he important to American history?

2) Why was Francis Scott Key in Baltimore?

3) Who is known as “Old Beanes” and why is he key to the story of the Star-Spangled Banner?

4) Who did Key receive permission from to approach the British near Baltimore?

5) What did Key bring with him for the British?



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6) Who is the British naval commander that Key approached and interacted with while in Baltimore?

7) What battle took place on September 12, 1814, near Baltimore?

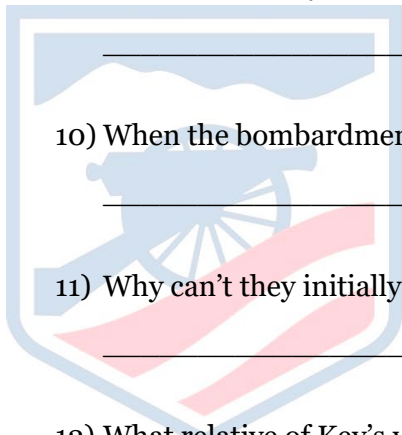
8) Why is the Royal Navy approaching Baltimore, what is their mission?

9) About how many warships did the British bring to Baltimore?

10) When the bombardment stops, what happens to Key?

11) Why can't they initially see the flag from the ships?

12) What relative of Key's was at Fort McHenry on the night of the bombardment?



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