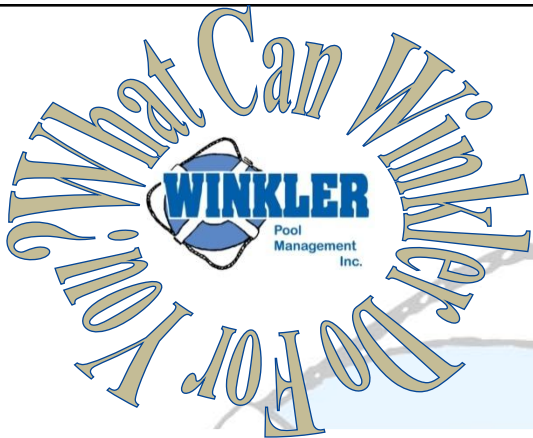


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“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The United States of America the greatest country in the world; On July 4th we will celebrate our 237th year of freedom. In our short history “we” have been though a lot; wars, depressions, improving civil rights for African Americans and women, assassinated presidents, terrorist attacks home and abroad just to name a few. When I think of all of this, one quote always comes to mind. “Now, gentlemen, if we don’t all hang together in this, we’ll all hang separately” Benjamin Franklin said on the signing day of the Declaration of Independence, because they were all now traitors to the crown. This quote makes sense in all of these situations, but is also applicable everyday life from being down in a team sport in the 4th quarter, to a business project, and to everyday family life. Life is never easy, there are so many ups and downs, forks in the road, and no U-turn signs on the way. Jack Dempsey said “A champion is the one who gets up...even when he cant.” Next time you’re having a bad just smile, take a deep breath, and remember how good we have it living in the United States of America, the land of the free and home of the brave!

God Bless America

The pool season is about half over please let us know how we are doing so far this year.

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History Test

1) How many years is a full term for a Representative?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 6

2) Who becomes President if both the President and Vice President die?

- A. The Speaker of the House
- B. The Secretary of Defense
- C. The Chief Justice
- D. The First Lady

3) Which amendment sets the minimum voting age to 18?

- A. 1st
- B. 18th
- C. 19th
- D. 26th

4) How many stripes are there on the American Flag?

- A. 10
- B. 13
- C. 50
- D. 100

5) How many total Senators are there?

- A. 10
- B. 13
- C. 50
- D. 100

6) The Constitution has how many Amendments?

- A. 23
- B. 27
- C. 31
- D. 33

7) How many Amendments have been proposed officially by Congress but never ratified?

- A. None
- B. 1
- C. 6
- D. 12

8) In what year was the last amendment ratified?

- A. 1868
- B. 1920
- C. 1961
- D. 1992

9) Who was the first Vice President of the United States?

- A. George Washington
- B. John Adams
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. Andrew Jackson

10) How many Presidents were assassinated while in office?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 6

11) Which of these Presidents was born in Texas?

- A. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- B. Richard Nixon
- C. Ronald Reagan
- D. George W Bush

12) How many Presidents have been impeached?

- A. None
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 4

13) On July 4th of what year did the 50-star American flag wave for the first time as Hawaii was granted statehood?

- A. 1955
- B. 1960
- B. 1965
- D. 1970

14) About how many people were living in the colonies in July 1776?

- A. 1.5 million
- B. 22 million
- C. 2 million
- D. 2.5 million

15) What American president said, "We dare not forget that we are the heirs of that first revolution"?

- A. George Washington
- B. John F. Kennedy
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Franklin Roosevelt

About The Man Who Wrote The Song

Francis Scott Key was born on August 1, 1779, in western Maryland. He attended grammar school and went on to St. John's College in Annapolis, where he graduated at the young age of 17. By 1805, Key had established a law practice in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C.

During the British attacks on Washington, D.C., Key's friend Dr. William Beanes, a much loved town physician from Upper Marlboro, Maryland was taken prisoner by the British Army soon after its departure from Washington. Key left for Baltimore to obtain the services of Colonel John Skinner, the government's prisoner of war exchange agent.

With approval from President Madison, together Key and Skinner sailed down the bay on a truce ship and met the British fleet. Key successfully negotiated the doctor's release, but was detained with Skinner and Beanes by the British until the completion of the attack on Baltimore.

At 7 a.m. on September 13, 1814, the British bombardment of Ft. McHenry began. The bombardment continued for 25 hours, with the British firing rockets across the sky.

Francis Scott Key, Col. Skinner, and Dr. Beanes watched the battle with apprehension. They knew that as long as the shelling continued, Fort McHenry had not surrendered. But, long before daylight there came a sudden and mysterious silence. Judging Baltimore as being too costly a prize, the British officers ordered a retreat.

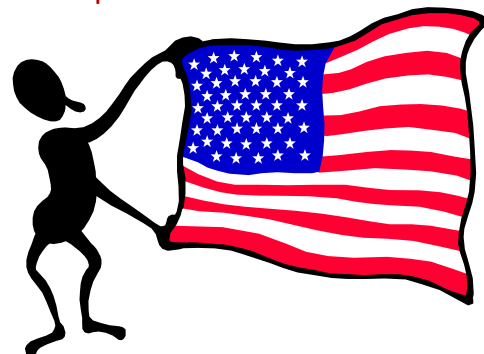
In the predawn darkness, Key waited for the sight that would end his anxiety: the joyous sight of Gen. Armistead's great flag blowing in the breeze. When daylight came, Key spotted the huge flag waving above the Ft. McHenry.

Thrilled by the sight of the flag and the knowledge that the fort had not fallen, Key took a letter from his pocket, and began to write some verses on the back of it. Later, after the British fleet had withdrawn, Key checked into a Baltimore hotel, and completed his poem on the defense of Fort McHenry. He then sent it to a printer for duplication on handbills, and within a few days the poem was put to the music of an old English song. Both the new song and the flag became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."

In October of that year, a Baltimore actor sang Key's new song in a public performance and called it "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Although the song was immediately popular, it remained just one of several patriotic airs until it was officially named our national anthem by Congress in 1931.

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Two elderly men shared a room at a nursing home in a large northeastern city. The one near the window was suffering from a weakened heart, having had a series of attack. The other man had fallen and broken his hip. Both were confined to a bed, unable to get up and walk around to relieve the tedium and monotony of their situations.

Every now and then, when both were awake, the man nearest the window would look out and describe what was going on. Since they were on the second floor the other man, with the broken hip, could only see the sky.

“The park is beautiful” the one would say, then go on to describe the people walking there. One day he began to tell about a lovely young nurse who seemed to walk through the park at the same time each day. “She’s lovely,” he would say “-so young, so alive. I wish you could see her.”

This went on for several days, when finally the man nearest the window noticed that a young intern seemed to be coming from the opposite direction from the nurse at the same time each day. They did not know each other and the first few days only nodded as they passed. But, then the man said, they began to stop briefly for a chat. Before long it had blossomed into a romance and they began meeting there on a bench, catching 10 or 15 minutes together before going on to their appointed duties.

The man would also describe the beauty of the park-the green grass, the spring flowers, the tall shady trees. The man by the window painted the picture as best he could for his companion. Then one night, abruptly, he died the victim of a final heart attack.

A few days after the funeral the other elderly man asked the nurses if he might be moved to the window bed. He missed so much not knowing what was going on in the park below.

That evening, late, his wish was granted and he was moved to the other bed. The hip was mending slowly, so that now he could be raised to get a good view of the park and all of the lovely things his friend describe. He could hardly wait for the next morning when he would be able to look out and get a good view of all the lovely sights his friend had describe, especially the young nurse and her intern.

At the crack of dawn the next morning he raised himself on one elbow and looked out the window. There was nothing there but a dreary, asphalt-covered parking lot!

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Answers:

1B, 2A, 3D, 4B, 5D, 6B, 7C, 8D, 9B, 10C, 11A, 12C, 13B, 14D, 15B