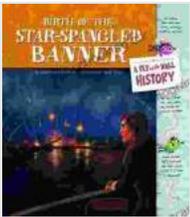


# Birth of the Star-Spangled Banner: A Fly on the Wall History



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On the morning of September 13, 1814, British troops prepared to launch a massive attack on Fort McHenry, a key American fortification guarding the entrance to Baltimore harbor. The stakes were high: if the British succeeded in capturing the fort, they would have a clear path to Baltimore and could potentially seize control of the entire city.

As the battle raged, a young American lawyer named Francis Scott Key watched anxiously from a distance. Key had been detained by the British on a ship nearby, but he had managed to convince the British commander to allow him to observe the battle from the deck.

As the sun began to set, the British bombardment intensified. Cannonballs rained down on Fort McHenry, and the walls of the fort began to crumble. But through it all, the American flag flew proudly from the fort's flagpole.

Key watched in awe as the battle reached its climax. The British ships fired their last salvos, and the Americans returned fire with equal ferocity. As

darkness fell, the battle finally subsided.

In the aftermath of the battle, Key returned to his ship and penned a poem about what he had witnessed. The poem, which would later become the lyrics to the Star-Spangled Banner, captured the spirit of American defiance and resilience.

The poem was published in a Baltimore newspaper a few days later, and it quickly became a sensation. The Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the official national anthem of the United States in 1931, and it has been sung at countless patriotic events ever since.

The birth of the Star-Spangled Banner is a story of courage, resilience, and patriotism. It is a story that has inspired Americans for generations, and it continues to be a powerful symbol of the American spirit.

## ## The Star-Spangled Banner: A Brief History

The Star-Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812. The song was inspired by the sight of the American flag flying over Fort McHenry after a fierce battle with British forces.

The song was originally titled "The Star-Spangled Banner" and was first published in a Baltimore newspaper in 1814. The song quickly became popular, and it was adopted as the official national anthem of the United States in 1931.

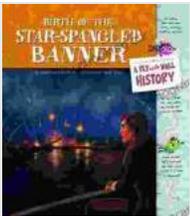
The Star-Spangled Banner is a powerful and moving song that has inspired Americans for generations. The song is a reminder of the courage and

resilience of the American people, and it continues to be a symbol of American patriotism.

## ## The Star-Spangled Banner: A Symbol of American Patriotism

The Star-Spangled Banner is a powerful symbol of American patriotism. The song is a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made to defend the United States, and it continues to inspire Americans to fight for their country.

The Star-Spangled Banner is flown at countless patriotic events, and it is sung by Americans of all ages. The song is a reminder of the shared values that unite Americans, and it continues to be a source of pride and inspiration.



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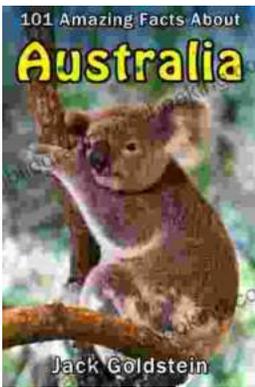
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