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American & British Anthems & Flags

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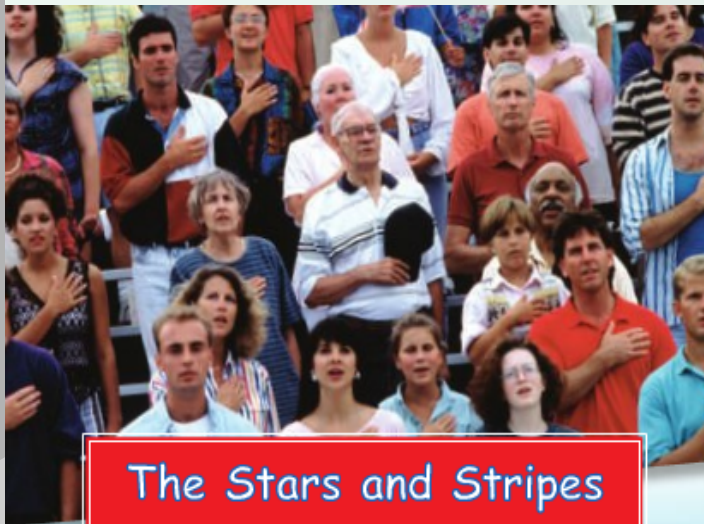
ANTHEM

- A song, a hymn, a march or other musical composition that has been officially adopted by the government and has become accepted as the country's anthem by popular usage.



6.1 The Star-Spangled Banner

- The Star-Spangled Banner is a patriotic song written by Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814, and officially adopted on March 3, 1931, as the national anthem of the United States of America.



The Stars and Stripes

 National anthem of
United States of America

Lyrics	Francis Scott Key, 1814
Music	John Stafford Smith, 1780
Adopted	1931

Music sample

The Star-Spangled Banner (Instrumental)



6.1 The Star-Spangled Banner

- The lyrics come from "Defence of Fort McHenry", a poem written in 1814 by the 35-year-old lawyer and amateur poet, Francis Scott Key, after witnessing the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British Royal Navy ships in Chesapeake Bay during the Battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812.



6.1 The Star-Spangled Banner

- The poem was set to the tune of a popular British song written by John Stafford Smith for the Anacreontic Society, a men's social club in London. "The Anacreontic Song", with various lyrics, was already popular in the United States. Set to Key's poem and renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner", it would soon become a well-known American patriotic song. With a range of one and a half octaves(八音度), it is known for being difficult to sing.



6.1 The Star-Spangled Banner

- Although the song has four stanzas, only the first is commonly sung today, with the fourth (“O! thus be it ever when free men shall stand...”) added on more formal occasions. The fourth stanza includes the line “And this be our motto: In God is our Trust”. The United States adopted “In God We Trust” as its national motto in 1956.



6.1 The Star-Spangled Banner

- “The Star-Spangled Banner” was recognized for official use by the Navy in 1889, and by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, and was made the national anthem by a congressional resolution on March 3, 1931, which was signed by President Herbert Hoover.



6.2 God Save the Queen (or King)

- God Save the Queen (King) is the national anthem of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

"God Save the Queen"




Queen Elizabeth II, reigning monarch of the Commonwealth realms

National and Royal anthem of Independent states

-  United Kingdom
-  New Zealand
-  Antigua and Barbuda (royal)
-  Australia (royal)
-  Bahamas (royal)
-  Barbados (royal)
-  Belize (royal)
-  Canada (royal)
-  Grenada (royal)
-  Jamaica (royal)
-  Saint Kitts and Nevis (royal)
-  Tuvalu (royal)

British Crown dependencies

-  Jersey
-  Guernsey
-  Isle of Man (royal)



6.2 God Save the Queen (or King)



Also known as

"God Save the King"

(when the monarch is male)

Lyrics

Author unknown

Adopted

1745

Music sample



6.2 God Save the Queen (or King)

God Save the Queen (standard version)

God save our gracious **Queen**,
Long live our noble **Queen**,
God save the **Queen**:
Send **her** victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the **Queen**.

O Lord, our God, arise,
Scatter **her** enemies,
And make them fall.
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix,
God save us all.

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On **her** be pleased to pour;
Long may **she** reign:
May **she** defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the **Queen**.

When the monarch of the time is male, "Queen" and all female pronouns (**bolded**) are replaced with "King" and male pronouns. In addition, the lyrics of the 3rd verse (*italicised*) are slightly modified to read: "With heart and voice to sing, God save the King". The first and third verses are sung every time, whilst the second verse is used less often.



6.2 God Save the Queen (or King)

- The first known public performance- at the Drury Lane Theatre, London.
- The authorship of the three original stanzas and the music has never been known.
- The music, is sometimes credited to Henry Carey.



6.2 God Save the Queen (or King)

- The anthem first demonstrates the idea of singing praises of the King (the Queen), which is the out-of-idea fashion, then the ruling of the collapsed British empire and finally the keeping of the reign of the British sovereign. However, the nationalistic original second stanza has been replaced. The anthem shows the spirit of the social system in terms of constitutional monarchy. But the idea of unity among nations should be noticed in the hymn. “Men should brothers be” is the idea expressed in the second stanza.



6.3 The Stars and Stripes



6.3 The Stars and Stripes

- The Stars and Stripes is also called Old Glory, or Star-Spangled Banner, which is the national flag of the USA, consisting of white stars (50 from July 4, 1960) on a blue canton, with a field of 13 alternate stripes, 7 red and 6 white. The 50 stars stand for the 50 states in the USA and the 13 stripes stand for the original 13 states.



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