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# The General Resource Guide

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# Patriotic Songs

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## 1. *GOD BLESS AMERICA*

God Bless America,  
Land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above;  
From the mountains, to the prairie,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God Bless America  
My home sweet home  
God Bless America  
My home sweet home

➤ Irving Berlin

## 2. *AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL*

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain.  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control,  
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

➤ Katherine Lee Bates  
➤ Samuel Ward (Music)

## Patriotic Songs (continued)

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### 3. *AMERICA (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble, free;  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that Above.

Our fathers' God to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

➤ Reverend Samuel Francis Smith

### 4. *YANKEE DOODLE*

Yankee Doodle went to town  
Upon a little pony  
He stuck a feather in his cap  
And called it MACARONI.

*Yankee Doodle, Doodle Doo,  
Yankee Doodle Dandy,  
All the lassies are so smart  
And sweet as sugar candy.*

Fath'r and I went down to camp,  
Along with Captain Goodin,  
And there we saw the men and boys  
As thick as hasty puddin'.

*Yankee Doodle keep it up,  
Yankee Doodle Dandy  
Mind the music and the step,  
And with the girls be handy.*

➤ Author Unknown

## Patriotic Songs (continued)

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### 5. *YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG*

You're a grand old Flag  
You're a high flying Flag,  
And forever in peace may you wave,  
You're the emblem of the land I love,  
The home of the free and the brave.  
Ev'ry heart beats true 'neath the  
Red, White and Blue,  
Where there's never a boast or brag,  
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
Keep your eye on the grand old Flag!

➤ George M. Cohan (1878-1942)

### 6. *WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME*

When Johnny comes marching home again,  
Hurrah! Hurrah!  
We'll give him a hearty welcome then,  
Hurrah! Hurrah!  
The men will cheer and the boys will shout,  
The ladies, they will all turn out,  
And we'll all feel gay  
When Johnny comes marching home.

Get ready for the Jubilee,  
Hurrah! Hurrah!  
We'll give the hero three times three,  
Hurrah! Hurrah!  
The laurel wreath is ready now  
To place upon his loyal brow,  
And we'll all feel gay  
When Johnny comes marching home.

➤ Louis Lambert

## Patriotic Songs (continued)

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### 7. *BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His day is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;  
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;  
So the world should be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave.  
Our God is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

➤ Julia Ward Howe

## Patriotic Songs (continued)

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### 8. *THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND*

This land is your land  
This land is my land  
From California to the New York Island  
From the redwood forest  
To the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking  
That ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me that endless skyway,  
I saw below me  
That golden valley  
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled  
And I followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts  
And all around me  
A voice was sounding  
This land was made for you and me.

### 9. *COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN*

O, Columbia, the gem of the ocean,  
The home of the brave and the free,  
The shrine of each patriot's devotion  
A world offers homage to thee,  
Thy mandates make heroes assemble,  
When liberty's form stands in view;  
Thy banners make tyranny tremble  
When borne by the red, white and blue  
When borne by the red, white and blue  
When borne by the red, white and blue.  
Thy banners make tyranny tremble  
When borne by the red, white and blue.

➤ Thomas A. Beckett

## Patriotic Songs (continued)

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### 10. *THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER*

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming!  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there;  
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam.  
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:  
'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner! O long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:  
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."  
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

➤ Francis Scott Key  
John Stafford Smith (Music)

# Fifty Stars for Old Glory

## Choral Reading

Two intermediate or upper-grade classrooms could join together to present this choral reading, which honors our American Flag. Assign each of 50 children a state in the Union, and have each child cut out a white star from cardboard. For the presentation, pupils should be arranged in rows, with one Flag placed on either side of the stage to frame the group.

### All:

Long ago, when our nation had just begun,  
With hope that the struggle could be won,  
The brave people who shaped it in thought and deed  
Cried, "A flag is what we need!  
"A flag to fly proudly before all the world,  
"To proclaim freedom in splendor unfurled,  
"Make it red, white, and blue!  
"And for each state a star bright and true!"

### Row 1 (13 children):

In 1777, our first Flag was designed,  
Just one year after the Declaration was signed,  
It had red and white stripes, and a deep blue background.  
With a circle of 13 white stars going round.

Each child holds up his or her star and takes a turn calling the name of his or her state in the order in which it entered the Union: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island.

### Row 2 (7 children):

The next Flag that was made had the stars in a square,  
And with two new states added, two new stars were there!

Children representing Vermont and Kentucky hold up stars and call out names of respective states.

Then for 23 years our Flag stayed the same.  
Till five new states joined, with a star for each name.

Children representing Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi hold up stars and call out names of those states.

## Fifty Stars for Old Glory (continued)

### Choral Reading

#### Row 3 (8 children):

In 1846 another change was made,  
Eight new states marched in the American parade,  
So with 28 stars our Flag was portrayed.

Children representing Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, and Texas hold up stars and call out their state names.

#### Row 4 (8 children):

After our country had been divided by war,  
North and South agreed to fight no more.  
And our Flag proudly added its 36<sup>th</sup> star.

Children representing Iowa, Wisconsin, California, Minnesota, Oregon, Kansas, West Virginia, and Nevada hold up stars and call out their state names.

#### Row 5 (9 children):

Thirty-seven years passed in our country's history.  
Now it stretched north and south and from sea to sea.  
Then came the year 1898 –  
Nine new stars were added on that date.

Children representing Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah hold up stars and call out their state names.

#### Row 6 (5 children):

And still America grew even more great!  
On the 1912 Flag the stars numbered 48.

Children representing Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona hold up stars and call out those state names.

The states added in '59 were two,  
And again a new Flag flew.

Children representing Alaska and Hawaii hold up stars and call out state names.

#### All:

Now 50 stars tell America's story  
In the years since the birth of our Flag, Old Glory.  
A star for each state – united and true,  
Hail to America's Red, White, and Blue!

All join in for a chorus of "It's a Grand Old Flag." Curtain.

➤ Mary P. Vogels

## Poetry

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### ***I HEAR AMERICA SINGING***

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear;  
Those of mechanics – each one singing has as it should be, blithe and strong;  
The carpenter singing his, as he measures his plank or beam,  
The mason singing his, as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work;  
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat – the deckhand singing on the steamboat deck;  
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench – the hatter singing as he stands;  
The woodcutter’s song – the ploughboy’s on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission, or at sundown;  
The delicious singing of mother – or of the young wife at work – or of the girl sewing or washing;  
Each singing what belongs to the day – at night, the party of young fellows, robust, friendly;  
Singing with open mouths, their strong melodious songs.

➤ Walt Whitman

### ***I AM THE FLAG***

I am a composite being of all the people of America.  
I am the union if you are united.  
I am one and indivisible if you are undivided.  
I am as strong as the weakest link.  
I am an emblem of your country.  
I am a symbol of a shadow of the real.  
I am a sign pointing to past achievements.  
I am promise of greater things for the future.  
I am what you make me.  
I am purity if you are pure.  
I am bravery if you are brave.  
I am loyalty if you are loyal.  
I am honor if you are honorable.  
I am goodness if you are good.  
I am hope if you are hopeful.  
I am truth if you are true  
I am the Constitution.  
I am law and order.  
I am tolerance or intolerance as you force me to be.  
I am liberty as you understand liberty.  
I am as a pillar of fire by night, but you must provide the fuel.  
I march at the head of the column, but you must carry me on.  
I stand for greater and more glorious achievement than can be found in recorded history, but you must be my inspiration.  
I am the Flag.

➤ Lawrence M. Jones

## Poetry (continued)

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### Sources

#### *Grades 3 – 4*

**Flag Song** – Ward, Lydia Avery Coonley  
One Thousand Poems for Children  
Sechrist, Elizabeth Hough  
Macrae-Smith Co. Philadelphia 1946

#### *Grades 3 – 5*

**The Flag Goes By** – Bennett, Henry Holcomb  
Patriotism, Patriotism, Patriotism  
Selected Hoke, Helen  
Franklin Watts, Inc.  
575 Lexington Ave. N. Y. 1960

#### *Grades 3 – 5*

**Our Flag** – Houlston, Mary  
The Golden flute  
An Anthology of Poetry for Young Children  
Selected Alice Hubbard  
Adeline Babbit  
John Day Co., N. Y. 1932

## Suggested Field Trips

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In addition to these resources, BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR LOCAL AREA historic shrines, museums, homes, etc. that are applicable to this study.

### **Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine**

East Fort Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21230

Contact Chief of Visitor Services for field trips (410-962-4299)  
4 – 6 months in advance.  
Ranger program film available.

References available:

*Protocol for the Maryland State Flag*  
Studies in Maryland History No. 1  
Maryland State Archives  
Copyright 1990

*The Star-Spangled Banner*  
Glorious American Heritage  
Handbook for school, home, and community  
Compiled by Nagro, C. F.  
Second Edition  
Rosellian Fine Arts Society

### **The Flag House Museum**

844 E. Pratt Street at Albemarle  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410-837-1793)

### **Maryland Historical Society**

Museum and Library of Maryland History  
201 W. Monument Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410-685-3750)

### **U. S. Frigate Constellation**

Pier 1, Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410-539-1797)

# Resources

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## Service Organizations – Community Based Groups

Possible sources for speakers and printed materials:

- American Legion (local posts)  
*“Let’s Be Right on Flag Etiquette”*
- Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
Supreme Council, 33  
1733 16<sup>th</sup> Street N. W.  
Washington, DC 20009  
*“The Star-Spangled Banner”* – June 1988
- Children of the American Revolution
- Community Associations
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Flag House  
844 E. Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202
- 4-H Clubs
- Grange – Rural areas may find sources at the local grange.
- Local governments (check with council members, etc, to see if anything is available)
- The American Flag Foundation, Inc.  
P. O. 435  
Riderwood, MD 21139  
410-563-FLAG (3524)
- Rotary Club
- Boy/Girl Scouts of America – Local council offices or individual troops/packs
- Veterans of Foreign Wars  
*“Etiquette of Stars and Stripes”*

## Teaching Aid Resources

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In order to enhance your study for Flag Day, you may want to check your local teaching resource centers, bookstores or stationery stores for seals, charts, posters, pencils, bulletin board borders, duplicating materials, etc.

In the Baltimore and Harford County area, the following are four of the many stores available for these types of materials. You can find more online if your area is not represented below:

*Chaselle, Inc.*

9645 Gerwig Lane  
Columbia, MD 21046-1503  
(301-381-9611)

*Learning How*

5 Bel Air South Parkway  
Bel Air Plaza near SuperFresh  
Bel Air, MD 21014  
(410-638-1200)

*Learning How*

The Shops at Kenilworth  
Kenilworth Drive  
Towson, MD 21204  
(410-823-7300)

*School and Pre-School Supply Center, Inc.*

872 Kenilworth  
Towson, MD 21204  
(410-823-7300)

### **Reproducible Masters:**

Schaffer, Frank

**“The Star-Spangled Banner”**  
**“Pledge to the Flag”**  
**“Our Flag, Capitol and Government”**

The Education Center, Inc.

The MAILBOX  
Bristol, Conn  
**“Star-Spangled Mystery”**

## Teaching Aid Resources (Continued)

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### MUSIC:

#### Songs:

See song sheet included in the General Resource Guide (words to several patriotic songs)

**“Fifty Nifty United States”** – Ray Charles  
Shawnee Press, Inc.  
Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327

**“Liberty”** – by Don Wyrzten (a tape)  
A Musical Celebration of Freedom including  
**“The Star-Spangled Banner,” “America the Beautiful”**

Please consult the music teacher in your building or check music books, records, and tapes in your school for additional music selections.

#### Records:

**“The Flag Is Passing By”** – narrated by Arthur Godfrey  
**“The Pledge To The Flag”** – Red Skelton

### PLAYS:

**“The Flag of the United States”** – Barbee, Lindsey  
One Hundred Plays for Children  
Burack, A. S. (Ed.)  
Plays, Inc.  
Boston Publishers, 1970  
Boston, Massachusetts

**“Uncle Sam, This Is Your Life”**  
Carroll County, MD  
Social Studies Curriculum