

A historical painting depicting a night battle scene. In the foreground, soldiers in 18th-century attire are engaged in combat around cannons and a wooden fortification. A large American flag with stars and stripes is flying in the upper right corner. The sky is dark, illuminated by the glow of battle and a bright light source, possibly a fire or explosion, on the right. The overall scene is dramatic and captures the intensity of a military engagement.

The War of 1812

Battle of Fort McHenry

- After sacking Washington the British towards Baltimore
 - Had to get past Fort McHenry first



The Star Spangled Banner

- Written by American Francis Scott Key who was being held captive on a British Ship outside Fort McHenry



“Oh, 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? “

Treaty of Ghent

- Both the British and the Americans realized they could not win the war so they ended it by signing the Treaty of Ghent



Battle of New Orleans

- Actually happened after peace treat was signed
- American “rag tag” army led by Andrew Jackson
 - Good defenses make easy victory for Americans

