

Star Spangled Banner - 1 hour lesson plan

5 minutes

Get ready to learn

map/globe (candy)

- Encourage students to study geography and vocabulary before coming to class
- Bring a map or globe and ask for volunteers to point out important locations
- Read the definitions of the words and see if students can come up with the word.

20 minutes

Story

story/questions/images

- Ask students what they already know about the Star Spangled Banner
- Write the 3 questions in the “notes” box on the board or on a paper. Ask them to listen for the answers.
- Read the story and show the pictures as you read.
- Put the images of the story around the room. Have the children walk to and stand beside the picture as they listen to your description.
- Challenge a student or two to retell the story from the storyboard.

10 minutes

Hero & Quality

Picture, music

- Show the picture and read the notes, then ask the questions below:
 - What is courage? From the story about the Star-Spangled Banner, what do you know about Francis Scott Key that shows he was courageous?
 - What clues are given in the story that show Francis Scott Key was a true friend to Dr. Beanes?
 - Have you ever had to exercise courage to be a true friend or to be true to a belief or principle? Describe what happened and share how you exemplified courage.
- Sing the Star Spangled Banner

10 minutes

Activity

Podcast, paper to fold

- Fold a 5-point star while listening to the Podcast
- Encourage the kids to finish listening to the podcast at home
- Ask children how they can share what they learned with their friends

15 minutes

Fundamentals of Freedom

Powerpoint, Gap Fill

- Review the presentation on a Republic
- Play the online soccer game as a review or send the Gap Fill activity home for homework as a review