Find information and links to a wide variety of materials that are ready for use in your classroom.

Teach your students about the people, places and events surrounding the War of 1812.

Discover media-rich interactives, curricular resources, primary source images and documents.

Use as pre-visit materials for an 1812 related field trip.

Include as a regular part of your course of study meeting the requirements of new curriculum standards including Common Core and C3.

The resources found here will prepare students for their Star-Spangled Experience!

In 2014, Fort McHenry, Baltimore and Maryland will be on the national stage for the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. In September 2014 the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore and the writing of the “The Star-Spangled Banner,” our National Anthem will provide an opportunity to engage your students and inspire interest in the rich War of 1812 history that is found throughout Maryland.

On SEPTEMBER 12, 1914, the 100th anniversary of the British attack against Fort McHenry, 6500 local school children cloaked in red, white and blue, formed a giant replica of the Flag, which was appropriately named, “The Wonderful Human Flag.”

One hundred years later, on SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, more than 7,000 students from across Maryland will recreate this spectacular event and be a part of the Bicentennial Living American Flag at Fort McHenry.

Find out how you can be a part of the event by creating a Living Flag at your school at friendsoffortmchenry.org

War of 1812 Bicentennial Classroom Resources and Field Trip Ideas!
During the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and beyond the study of the War of 1812 in Maryland provides students with an important piece of American history.

**War of 1812 Virtual Resource Center**

- warof1812.thinkport.org

Developed in partnership with the National Park Service and Maryland Public Television this comprehensive site offers lesson plans, video clips, interactive maps, primary source documents and much more. The site is a portal to the War of 1812 resources from all the museums and historic highlighted here and many others. Students can delve into several fun interactives such as *Hold The Fort!* a game of survival and strategy.

**Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine**

- nps.gov/fomc/forteachers

*O! say can you see, by the dawn’s early light?!*

Find ways to create a field trip to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner.” From history lessons on the War of 1812 to the role Marylanders played in the conflict, find special and unique curriculum to use the park as your classroom.

**Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail**

- nps.gov/stsp/forteachers/classrooms/for-teachers.htm
- starspangledtrail.net

Find information about learning opportunities at War of 1812 sites throughout the state of Maryland, Washington DC and Virginia. The National Historic Trail links together the stories of the people and events throughout the Chesapeake Region. Discover how your students can become Trail Stewards and connect to the history in their backyard.

**Friends of Fort McHenry**

- friendsoffortmchenry.org/education-programming.html

Utilize *Long May It Wave: The War of 1812 & Fort McHenry*, a national curriculum for grades 4 through 8. Each lesson plan includes primary source documents and images, student worksheets, and suggestions for accommodations and extensions. Friends of Fort McHenry partners with the National Park Service and Living Classrooms Foundation, as well as museums and historic sites, to offer an array of innovative educational offerings both onsite and online.
The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House
- flaghouse.org
Travel back in time to the year 1812 and take a tour of the Pickersgill home to learn of the family and the origins of the Star-Spangled Banner flag. Pre-visit materials and classroom activities are available to download.

Baltimore National Heritage Area
- nps.gov/balt/forteachers
Download Defense of a Nation: Maryland’s Role in the War of 1812. This teacher’s resource guide is a great reference for exploring the War of 1812 and the role Marylanders played in the conflict. Information in the guide makes teaching this important history easy and engaging. The guide includes information on the major players of the war, major battles, vocabulary, timelines and links to other resources.

Maryland Historical Society
- mdhs.org
Enrich students’ study of history with a visit to the Maryland Historical Society. Interactive tours, led by trained museum teachers, focus on specific objects in the collection. Be sure to visit the display of an original draft of Francis Scott Key’s poem that became the National Anthem, as well as other significant Maryland artifacts.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History
- historyexplorer.si.edu
- amhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/interactive-flag.aspx
Take a look at the original Star-Spangled Banner, 200-year-old, 30-by-34-foot flag that flew over Fort McHenry in September 1814 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem. Interactive tools from the exhibit and a wide range of resources can be accessed online.

American Flag Foundation
- americanflagfoundation.org/educational-programs
Create your own Living American Flag at your school anytime! The American Flag Foundation provides materials and assistance with programs that inspire patriotism and encourage honor for the American Flag.

For further information or with questions about how you can provide your students with a Star-Spangled Experience in 2014 and beyond please contact:

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