**“God Save the Thirteen States”**

1. First, review the lyrics for “God Save the Thirteen States.” The song was sung to the tune of “God Save the King.” Why do you think the writer of this song wanted to have the song sung to the tune of a British song?
2. 2. Look at the second and fifth stanza of the song. How does this sum up the reason for revolution?

**“Johnny Has Gone For a Soldier”**

1. From whose viewpoint is “Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier” sung?
2. What do the words in the last stanza of “Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier” symbolize, in your view?

**“The Liberty Song”**

1. In the first stanza, what do you think the author means by “No tyrannous acts shall suppress your just claim or stain with dishonor America’s name”?
2. What do you think the message in the chorus of this song is?

###### **Lyrics Composed by British Soldiers (c.1755)  Melody Author Unknown -1st three Verses Listed**

Yankee Doodle went to town,   
A-riding on a pony   
Stuck a feather in his hat,   
And called it macaroni.

Chorus

Yankee Doodle, keep it up,   
Yankee Doodle dandy   
Mind the music and the step,   
And with the girls be handy!

Father and I went down to camp,   
Along with Captain Gooding   
And there we saw the men and boys,   
As thick as hasty pudding.

Chorus

There was Captain Washington,

Upon a slapping stallion,

Giving orders to his men-

I guess there were a million

Chorus

1. How do these songs compare in scope and tone to a song such as “Yankee Doodle,” which is probably more well-known as a Revolutionary-era song?
2. What was the original purpose of “Yankee Doodle?”
3. Which one of these songs, in your view, tended to unite colonists the most? Which one the least? Explain your view.
4. Speculate on whether music today has the same impact on political, military, and social issues as it did in the 18th Century. Is the impact greater? Less? Explain your answer.

**“God Save the Thirteen States”**

**To the tune of "God Save the King"**

Chorus

God save the Thirteen States!   
Long live the United States!   
God save our States!   
Make us victorious,   
Happy and glorious;   
No tyrants over us;   
God save our States!

We'll fear no tyrant's nod   
Nor stern oppression's rod,   
Till time's no more.

May union bless our land,   
While we, with heart and hand,   
Our mutual rights defend;   
On our free shore.

To our famed Washington,   
Brave Stark at Bennington,   
Glory is due.   
Peace to Montgomery's shade,   
Who as he fought and bled,   
Drew honors round his head,   
Num'rous as true.

Oft did America   
Foresee with sad dismay   
Her slav'ry near.   
Oft did her grievance state,   
But Britain, falsely great,   
Urging her desp'rate fate,   
Turned a deaf ear.

We'll fear no tyrant's nod   
Nor stern oppression's rod,   
Till time's no more.   
Thus Liberty, when driv'n   
From Europe's states, is giv'n   
A safe retreat and hav'n   
On our free shore.

O Lord! Thy gifts in store,   
We pray on Congress pour,   
To guide our States.   
May union bless our land,   
While we, with heart and hand,   
Our mutual rights defend;   
God save our States!

# **Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier**

## **Traditional Song**

Here I sit on Buttermilk Hill  
Who can blame me, cryin' my fill  
And ev'ry tear would turn a mill,  
Johnny has gone for a soldier.  
  
Me, oh my, I loved him so,  
Broke my heart to see him go,  
And only time will heal my woe,  
Johnny has gone for a soldier.  
  
I'll sell my rod, I'll sell my reel,  
Likewise I'll sell my spinning wheel,  
And buy my love a sword of steel,  
Johnny has gone for a soldier.  
  
I'll dye my dress, I'll dye it red,  
And through the streets I'll beg for bread,  
For the lad that I love has fled,  
Johnny has gone for a soldier.

**“The Liberty Song”**

**1770 Version**

Come swallow your bumpers, ye Tories, and roar,  
That the sons of fair freedom are hampered once more;  
But know that no cut-throats our spirits can tame,  
Nor a host of oppressors shall smother the flame.

*Chorus:*  
*In Freedom we're born, and, like sons of the brave,*  
*Will never surrender, But swear to defend her;*  
*And scorn to survive, if unable to save.*

**Original Version**

Come, join hand in hand, brave Americans all,  
And rouse your bold hearts at fair Liberty's call;  
No tyrannous acts shall suppress your just claim,  
Or stain with dishonor America's name.

*Chorus:*  
*In Freedom we're born and in Freedom we'll live.*  
*Our purses are ready. Steady, friends, steady;*  
*Not as slaves, but as Freemen our money we'll give.*

Our worthy forefathers, let's give them a cheer,  
To climates unknown did courageously steer;  
Thro' oceans to deserts for Freedom they came,  
And dying, bequeath'd us their freedom and fame.

*Chorus*

Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all,  
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall;  
In so righteous a cause let us hope to succeed,  
For heaven approves of each generous deed.

*Chorus*

Their generous bosoms all dangers despis'd,  
So highly, so wisely, their *Birthrights* they priz'd;  
We'll keep what they gave, we will piously keep,  
Nor frustrate their toils on the land and the deep.

*Chorus*

The tree their own hands had to Liberty rear'd;  
They lived to behold growing strong and revered;  
With transport they cried, "Now our wishes we gain,  
For our children shall gather the fruits of our pain."

*Chorus*

Swarms of placemen and pensioners soon will appear  
Like locusts deforming the charms of the year;  
Suns vainly will rise, showers vainly descend,  
If we are to drudge for what others shall defend.

*Chorus*

All ages shall speak with amaze and applause,  
Of the courage we'll show in support of our Laws;  
To die we can bear, but to serve we disdain.  
For shame is to Freedom more dreadful than pain.

*Chorus*

This bumper I crown for our Sovereign's health,  
And this for Britannia's glory and wealth;  
That wealth and that glory immortal may be,  
If She is but Just, and if we are but Free.

*Chorus*

Resources:

Answer Key: <https://www-tc.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/pdf/5_questions_answers.pdf>

Songs:

* **“God Save the Thirteen States”** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5I2vgKe6s04**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5I2vgKe6s04)
* **“Johnny Has Gone For a Soldier”** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isqzEZhfYYs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isqzEZhfYYs)
* **“The Liberty Song”** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvLdawL3wHM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvLdawL3wHM)
* **“Yankee Doodle”** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKgstp9PnJU**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKgstp9PnJU)