

Inspector Rex's History Snippet #31

History and Meaning of the words of the Star Spangled Banner

The words of the American National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner" will seem strange at first – mentioning rockets and bombs etc.

First verse

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 rocket's 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?

But then, see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaxGNQE5ZLA>

Now you will understand the history and meaning of the words



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