

THE FLAG GOES BY

POEM ANALYSIS PACK



Recommended for Middle & High School (Grades 6-12)

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*Hats off!
Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky:
Hats off!
The flag is passing by!*

*Blue and crimson and white it shines,
Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines.
Hats off!
The colors before us fly;
But more than the flag is passing by.*

*Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and great,
Fought to make and to save the State;
Weary marches and sinking ships;
Cheers of victory on dying lips;*

*Days of plenty and years of peace,
March of a strong land's swift increase:
Equal justice, right and law,
Stately honor and reverent awe;*

*Sign of a nation, great and strong,
To ward her people from foreign wrong;
Pride and glory and honor, all
Live in the colors to stand or fall.*

*Hats off!
Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
And loyal hearts are beating high:
Hats off!
The flag is passing by!*

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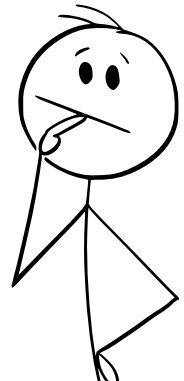
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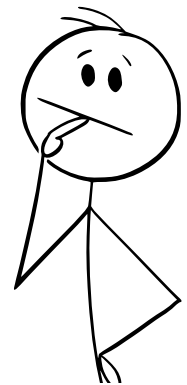
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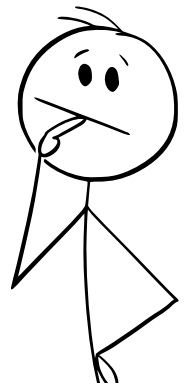


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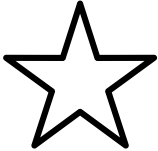

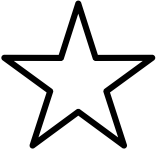

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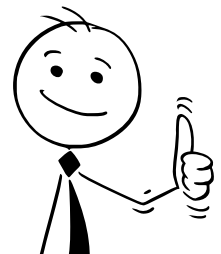


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Rating:     





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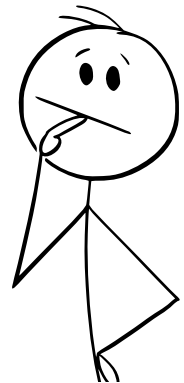
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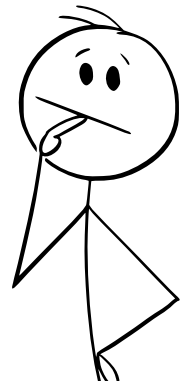
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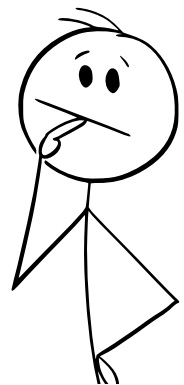
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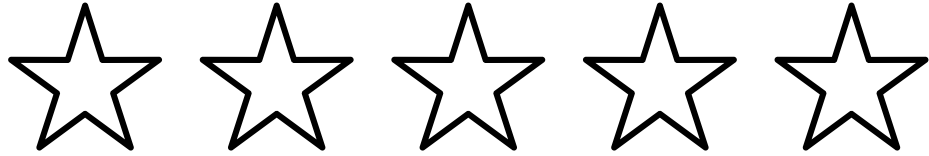
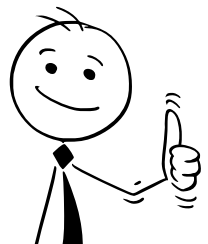
- What literary devices are used? allegory, hyperbole, imagery, metaphor, etc?



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DRAW IT

Directions: Draw a picture about this poem

