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English 7/"Betsy's Battle Flag" Poem Study (use glossary/internet if needed)

Betsy's Battle Flag

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Stanza 1	**From dusk till dawn the livelong night** **She kept the tallow dips alight,** **And fast her nimble fingers flew** **To sew the stars upon the blue.** **With weary eyes and aching head** **5** **She stitched the stripes of white and red,** **And when the day came up the stair** **Complete across a carven chair** **Hung Betsy's battle flag.**	Find two examples of <u>alliteration</u>: What are "tallow dips"? Mark the rhyme scheme in the first stanza? Find two examples of <u>assonance</u>: What are "weary" eyes? (5):
Stanza 2	**Like shadows in the evening gray** **10** **The Continentals filed away,** **With broken boots and ragged coats,** **But hoarse defiance in their throats;** **They bore the marks of want and cold,** **And some were lame and some were old,** **15** **And some with wounds untended bled,** **But floating bravely overhead** **Was Betsy's battle flag.**	Find two examples of <u>alliteration</u>. Find two examples of <u>assonance</u>. Find a <u>simile</u>. Give an example of <u>repetition</u>. What is the "condition" of the soldiers in this stanza?

Stanza 3	**When fell the battle's leaden rain,** **The soldier hushed his moans of pain** **20** **And raised his dying head to see** **King George's troopers turn and flee.** **Their charging column reeled and broke,** **And vanished in the rolling smoke,** **Before the glory of the stars,** **25** **The snowy stripes, and scarlet bars** **Of Betsy's battle flag.**	Summarize what happened in this stanza:
Stanza 4	**The simple stone of Betsy Ross** **Is covered now with mould and moss,** **But still her deathless banner flies,** **30** **And keeps the color of the skies.** **A nation thrills, a nation bleeds,** **A nation follows where it leads,** **And every man is proud to yield** **His life upon a crimson field** **35** **For Betsy's battle flag!**	What is the "simple stone" another term for? Give an example of <u>personification</u>: Give an example of <u>repetition</u>. What do lines 34, 35 and 36 mean? (in your own words)

Short Answer Response: Answer the following in paragraphs with a *topic sentence, text evidence, transition words, and explaining.*

1) In stanzas 2 and 3, how does the description of the setting and character influence the *mood* of the poem? In your response, be sure to use text from the poem to support your response.